



THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, WITH STOREY HOME AND FARM HOUSE.

THE
ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,

LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION

FOR

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

'God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind:
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind;
Babes though full-grown; the page of life a blot.

'Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred?
Their need o'erlooked? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord!'

OFFICES:

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER;
EXCHANGE CHAMBERS, BANK STREET, MANCHESTER.

Principal and Secretary:—MR. JAMES DIGGENS.

OCTOBER, 1904.



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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM AT LANCASTER the sum of _____ free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER, or other proper officer, for the time being, of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] _____ free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Asylum at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

** Until lately a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now, by a recent Act of Parliament, he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

LEGACIES.

	£	s.	d.
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John Abbott, Esq., Halifax... ..	2,000	0	0
Miss E. A. Cort, Kirkby, Liverpool... ..	2,000	0	0
Samuel Fielden, Esq., Centre Vale, Todmorden	2,000	0	0
James Holden, Esq., Rochdale	2,000	0	0
Thomas Lockwood, Esq., Harrogate	2,000	0	0
Mrs. Charles Turner, Liverpool... ..	2,000	0	0
Charles Barraclough, Esq., Rochdale	1,945	13	3
William Rothwell, Esq., Colwyn Bay	1,933	2	2
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John Manchester, Esq., Preston	1,153	16	4
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William Bindloss, Esq., Kendal and Milnthorpe... ..	1,033	13	10
Miss Anna Andrews Hibbert, Southport	1,012	12	10
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	£	s.	d.
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Miss Pennington, Preston	1,000	0	0
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Miss Tatham, Lancaster	1,000	0	0
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Sir Thomas Storey, Lancaster	900	0	0
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Miss Alice Lowe, Blackpool	500	0	0
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Miss Isabella Elleray, Cartmel	50	0	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Emett, Liverpool	50	0	0
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Miss Ellen Hardman, Wigan	50	0	0
Joseph Harger, Esq., Settle	50	0	0
Rev. T. B. Holgate, Cartmel	50	0	0
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T. Tomlinson, Esq., Heysham	50	0	0
Thomas Tomlinson, Esq., Lancaster	50	0	0
John Townley, Esq., Southport... ..	50	0	0
Mrs. Waite, Ripon	50	0	0
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Mrs. Atkinson, Lancaster	45	0	0
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John Jacobson, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
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Robert McWhan, Esq., Birkenhead... ..	19	19	0
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Joshua Horner, Esq., Halifax	19	14	0
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Miss Ann Fearon, Cockermouth	18	0	0
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Miss Mary Armstrong, Carlisle	9	0	0
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P R O S P E C T U S.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of the Feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1901 was 48,882. Of these, 13,898 belonged to the Seven Counties, 3,390 being under Twenty years of age. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of imbecility or feeble-mindedness are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Imbecility being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Imbeciles require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Imbeciles with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Imbecile's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the Earlswood, calculated that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably improved in their habits, and become

greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard (of the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester), in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 185 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 650 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation. The Institution is under the medical care of a Resident Medical Officer and an Assistant Medical Officer.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Principal and Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Votes for the amount thus raised.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees; and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 626 patients now in the Asylum, 273 belong to Lancashire, 182 to Yorkshire, 57 to Cheshire, 54 to Durham, 31 to Cumberland, 13 to Westmorland, 12 to Northumberland. Four full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Lancashire Daily Post*, *Preston Guardian*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, *Kendal Mercury*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Feeble-minded from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. The Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the Principal and Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, The Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

JOHN T. HIBBERT, *Chairman of the Central Committee.*

EDWARD LAWRENCE, Liverpool, }
WILLIAM H. FOSTER, Bradford, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

June 30th, 1904.

JAMES DIGGENS, *Principal and Secretary.*

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of the Feeble-minded, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,

LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF THE

NORTHERN COUNTIES.

INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864

Under the Patronage of His Majesty the King.

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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, K.G.
 THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF RIPON, K.G.
 THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G.
 THE RIGHT HON. EARL EGERTON OF TATTON,
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD MUNCASTER.

Presidents.

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

His Grace the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.	The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF
The Most Hon. the MARQUIS OF RIPON, K.G.	CHESTER.
The Right Hon. the EARL OF DERBY, K.G.	The Right Hon. LORD ASHTON.
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TATTON.	

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM was held in the Examination Hall of the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Tuesday, October 18th, 1904.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, K.G.,

(One of the Trustees and Presidents of the Institution),

PRESIDING.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented by the Principal and Secretary (Mr. James Diggins).

The CHAIRMAN then addressed the Meeting ; and was followed by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., (Chairman of the Central Committee), who made a Statement as to the aims, working, and present position of the Institution.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting cordially approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and, whilst congratulating the Central Committee upon the numerous proofs it contains of satisfactory progress in all the departments of the Royal Albert Asylum, trusts that the Institution will continue to receive the generous support of the benevolent public of the Seven Associated Northern Counties.

Moved by Sir George H. Philipson, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.C.P., (Chairman of the Northumberland Committee); and seconded by Rev. Canon Gough (Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

- 2.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their able and zealous services in connection with the management of the Royal Albert Asylum ; and, in compliance with Rule 24, this Meeting hereby appoints the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and the following Gentlemen, to be Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

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Moved by George D. Killey, Esq., Liverpool ; and seconded by Professor Oliver, M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

- 3.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Northumberland Committee for their past services, and that the following Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) be invited to act in the same capacity, and to take such measures as they may deem advisable for urging the claims of the Royal Albert Asylum upon the liberality of the County of Northumberland.

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Moved by Colonel W. H. Foster, Hornby Castle (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee); and seconded by Herbert L. Storey, Esq., (High Sheriff of Lancashire).

- 4.—That this Meeting gratefully recognises the valuable co-operation of the Ladies' Associations of the Royal Albert Asylum, in obtaining financial aid and otherwise promoting the interests of the Asylum; and this Meeting respectfully invites local assistance for the formation of additional Ladies' Associations.

Moved by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Carlisle; and seconded by the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, Corbridge.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Samuel Satterthwaite, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch, for their audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, and for their inspection of the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints William Oliver Roper, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch as Professional Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by R. R. Redmayne, Esq., Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and seconded by G. D. Killey, Esq., Liverpool.

- 6.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum be held at Leeds, on Wednesday, September 27th, 1905; and that notice thereof be given in Lancaster, Leeds, York, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers.

Moved by G. D. Killey, Esq., Liverpool; and seconded by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Carlisle.

- 7.—A cordial Vote of Thanks was passed to the Chairman, and briefly acknowledged by his Grace.

Moved by Sir George H. Philipson, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.C.P.; and seconded by G. Armstrong Atkinson, Esq., M.D., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.



Before the Meeting, the Chairman of the Northumberland Committee (Sir George H. Philipson, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.C.P.) entertained at Luncheon members of the Central and Northumberland Committees and other gentlemen.



THE QUINQUENNIAL GROUP.

REPORT

Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

held at Newcastle-on-Tyne,

October 18th, 1904.

The Central Committee have great pleasure in presenting their Fortieth Annual Report of the Royal Albert Asylum, and trust that its record of work and progress will afford satisfaction to the subscribers and friends of the Institution.

The Seventh Quinquennial Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, September 23rd, 1903. In the morning, the General Annual Meeting was held in the De Vitré Hall, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., the Chairman of the Central Committee, when there was a large attendance of influential friends, including the Earl of Derby (Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire), the Countess of Bective, Lady Ashton, Lady Hibbert, Colonel Foster (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) and Mrs. Foster, Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson, Bart., M.P., Mr. N. W. Helme, M.P., and Mrs. Helme, Mr. Edward Storey (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee), Mr. W. W. B. Hulton, Colonel Marton and the Hon. Mrs. Marton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lancaster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale, the Mayor of Kendal, and many other ladies and gentlemen interested in the work of the Institution.

Seventh
Quinquennial
Festival.

Long-Service
Medals.

A gratifying function took place at the close of the meeting, when long-service medals were presented to members of the staff: gold medals to 19 members who had been in the service of the Institution seventeen years and upwards; silver medals to seven who had been on the staff twelve years and upwards; and bronze medals to 10 who had served seven years or more. In a few gracious remarks of appreciation, the presentation was made by the Countess of Bective, President of the Westmorland Ladies' Association, beginning with the Principal and Secretary (Mr. Diggens), who had performed his important duties for the long period of 38 years.

Presentation
by the
Countess of
Bective.

Nurses'
Certificates.

After this ceremony, Lady Hibbert presented certificates to nurses who had attended lectures by Dr. Coupland, Assistant Medical Officer, on "Anatomy, Physiology and Practical Nursing, as applied to the Ailments of the Feeble-minded."

Extract
from the
Earl of Derby's
Speech.

The Quinquennial Luncheon was held in the handsome Winmarleigh Hall, under the presidency of the Earl of Derby, who is a President and Trustee of the Asylum. The Company comprised those who had attended the earlier proceedings of the day. In the course of an able and sympathetic speech, his Lordship said:

"Voluntary Asylums were intended—and should be in his opinion—as Training Institutions, so that what powers there were latent in the mind should be brought out, the evil repressed, and sympathy, as far as possible, evoked. In one word, the child was to be trained not only to learn, but to become useful, and to be treated as a civilised being. Their object should be to produce feelings which responded to kind treatment, and to endeavour to open the mind and to advance the intelligence. In that Asylum, as they knew, the tendency was to expand and open the minds of the children. Those who had gone round the schools that morning would have seen in the different classes the pains taken by the teachers, and the cheerfulness of the children, and their delight when they had got an answer to give, especially when it was a right answer—(laughter)—a remark which might apply to persons in later life in other quarters. (Laughter.) They would agree that the patients were well cared for in body, and that the importance of acquiring that bodily health which was a valuable accessory to the mental health they desired to bring back was by no means overlooked. The Annual Report gave many illustrations of the good the Institution was doing. He commended the Report to their notice, not to be put aside till next year's Report came to be read, but they should study the question for themselves, and they would find there was a great deal in that volume with the blue cover, a great deal of information useful for the future as well as for the present, and practical illustrations of the good the Asylum was doing. Year by year something had been added to the Asylum. At one time a wing had been given, at

another time a hall, at yet another time a home ; and this year they had to chronicle the fact that Mr. Herbert Storey, following the noble example of his father, was now erecting new workshops, which the Committee, in recognition of his kindness, had distinguished by the name of 'The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops.' (Applause.)

"That Institution appealed to them on many grounds, and when they considered the large number of children in the Northern Counties who were under these terrible disabilities, it was of the utmost importance that they should increase the support. This was not an appeal to any one class, because the poor and rich alike had their sufferers. The latter might perhaps be left to make their own arrangements, but even they could not have the skill and care which existed in that Institution. As to those who were poor, they had only to look at the voting lists, and pause in the selection of those for whom they voted, to see in each case enough misery for a whole tale to be founded upon. There might be those who had lost both parents, there might be those who were members of a family of which more than one were already inmates of the Institution. There were some cases where the parents could not follow employment and get the necessities of life, because they had to tend to the feeble-minded child. He asked their careful attention in this matter, so that they might aid the most deserving cases. How terrible the burden of sorrow a feeble-minded child caused in a family ! They had heard what the Institution had done in the past, and he asked them to support it, not only with their lips by drinking to its prosperity, but also by resolving to help the Institution forward, and to do what they could—whether it were much or little—to help on the noble work. In doing so, they would feel they were helping those who through no fault of their own were cut off from many sources of enjoyment, and also from sources of advancement, and in that feeling they would help to alleviate sorrow and suffering. Finally, he trusted they would forgive the person who had been the humble and unwilling instrument of inflicting that long oration upon them on a bright summer afternoon." (Applause.)

These Quinquennial Festivals afford excellent opportunities of noting the progress of the Institution, and have been held ever since the laying of the foundation stone of the Asylum in 1868, by the late Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England.

On the 31st of May, an Election of Fifty Patients took place at the Town Hall, Chester. From Lancashire there were 34 candidates for 20 vacancies ; from Yorkshire, 25 candidates for 14 vacancies ; from Cheshire, 10 candidates for 6 vacancies ; from Westmorland, 3 candidates for 1 vacancy ; from Cumberland, 6 candidates for 3 vacancies ; from Durham, 9 candidates for 5 vacancies ; and from Northumberland, 2 candidates for 1 vacancy. Altogether there were 89 candidates for 50 vacancies.

Election of
Patients
at
Chester.

At the Public Meeting subsequently held in the Town Hall under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Robert Lamb), Sir John T. Hibbert (Chairman), and the following members of the Central Committee attended : The Ven. Archdeacon

Clarke, Mr. S. Satterthwaite, Mr. W. O. Roper, and Mr. W. G. Welch, Lancaster; Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool; Mr. Herbert Radcliffe, Rochdale; Mr. G. A. Dickson and Mr. J. G. Holmes, Chester. There were also present the Lord Bishop of Chester, the Archdeacon of Chester, Rev. J. F. Howson, Rev. J. Cairns Mitchell, Rev. J. Travis, Dr. Stolterfoth, and many ladies connected with the Cheshire Ladies' Association. It had been expected that Earl Egerton of Tatton, Lord Lieutenant of the County, Chairman of the Cheshire Committee, and one of the Presidents and Trustees of the Asylum, would preside, but his Lordship was detained in London by indisposition. Sir John T. Hibbert gave an interesting sketch of the work and needs of the Institution, and earnestly pleaded for sympathy and support. The Lord Bishop strongly urged the claims of the Institution, and from his speech the following brief quotation may be given :

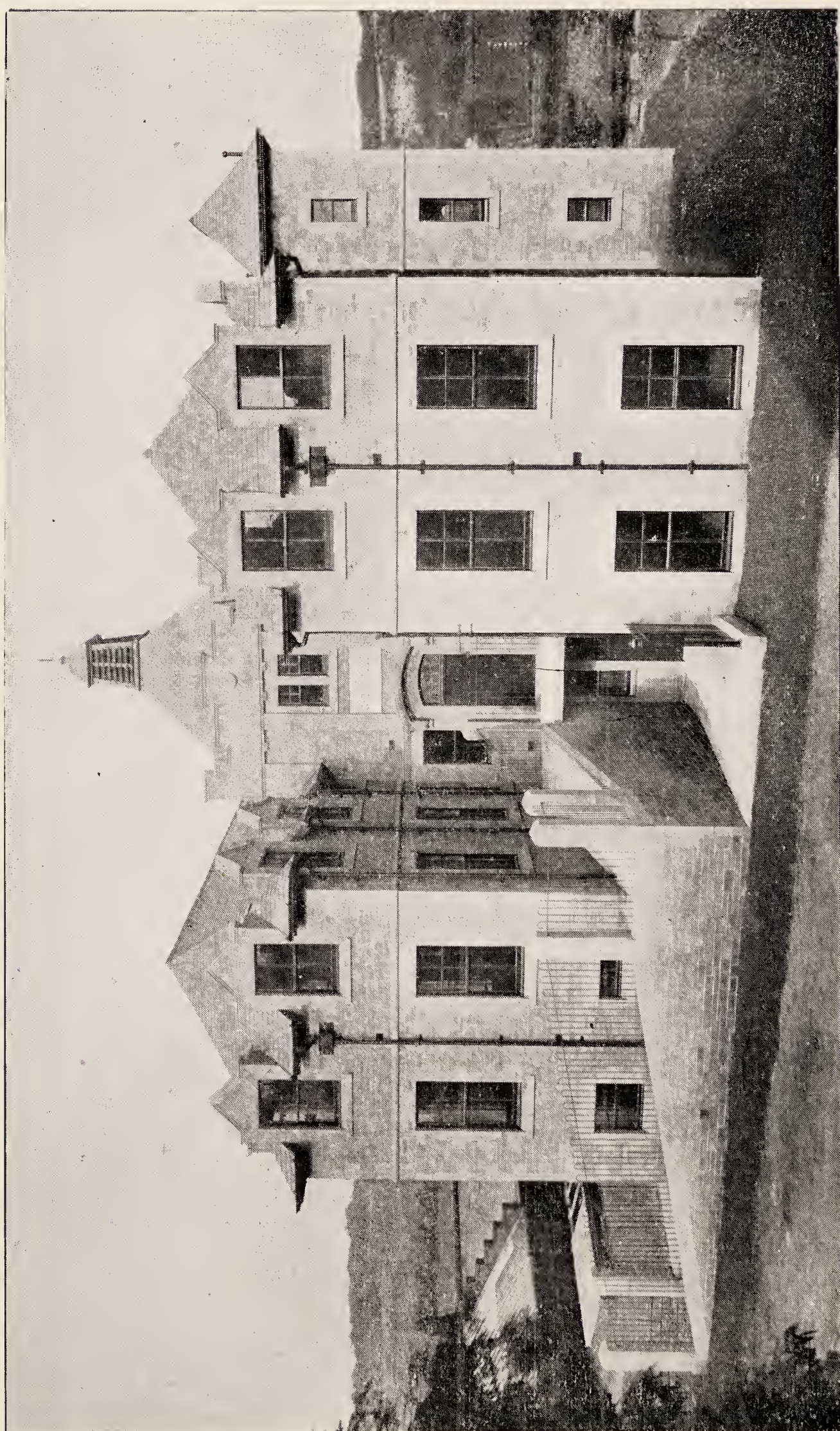
“The cases for which the Institution provided were in a certain sense very sad, and everything that could legitimately be done to limit their numbers and to prevent their further development should be done; but, on the other hand, must they not recognise that in the marvellous working of things it was good for the community that its sympathies, skill and enterprise should be laudably developed in tending such cases, and in drawing out from these dull and feeble natures the soul, the mind and the powers which were latent and dormant in them. Being as we were in this state of probation, requiring all the discipline we could get, little as we liked it, he ventured to think it should be recognised as some set-off to the sadness of such cases that they put the community at large, or at all events the best members of it, upon their mettle to correct, as it were, the shortcomings of nature, and to do all that could be done—and wonderful were the results—to bring these dull natures into something of light.”

The most important event in the year's proceedings has been the opening of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops, which took place on the 24th of June.

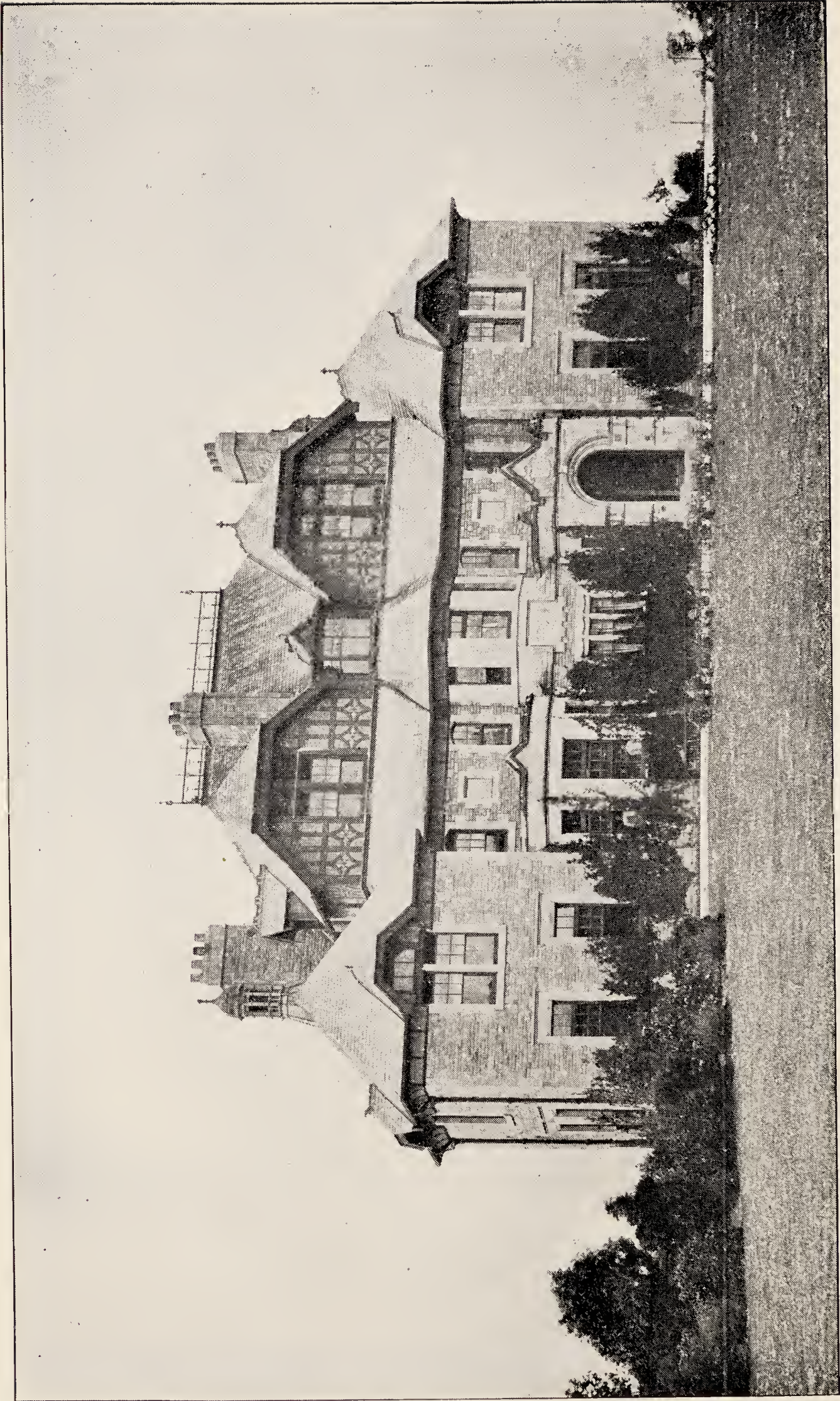
The original Workshops of the Royal Albert Asylum have, in the course of years, become surrounded by other buildings, and have been rendered dark and unsuitable for the training of the patients. With the great increase in the number of patients capable of industrial training, they have also proved to be inadequate. Many of those who have been too old for school, and have been employed out of doors in fair weather, have had no occupation in wet or inclement weather. The Lunacy Commissioners, in the Reports of their official inspection of the Asylum, have repeatedly complained of the workshops being ill-arranged, over-crowded, dark, and badly ventilated.

Extract
from the
Speech of the
Lord Bishop of
Chester.

Opening
of the
Herbert Storey
Industrial
Schools
and
Workshops.



THE STOREY WORKSHOPS.



THE STOREY HOME.

Mr. Herbert L. Storey, having heard of these complaints, wrote to the Chairman of the Central Committee (the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B.) offering the sum of £5,000 for the erection of new Workshops, as a permanent memorial, at the Royal Albert Asylum, of the Coronation of King Edward VII., the late Sir Thomas Storey having erected in the Asylum grounds the "Storey Home for Forty Feeble-minded Girls," on the occasion of the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The Central Committee gratefully accepted Mr. Storey's offer, and decided that the new building should be called "The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops." Messrs. Woolfall and Eccles, of Liverpool, were appointed Architects, plans were submitted and thoroughly considered, and contracts amounting to £6,845 17s. 6d., exclusive of the electric-lighting, were entered into. Mr. Storey has generously contributed 5,000 guineas.

In the Report of their last visit, on May 21st, 1904, the Lunacy Commissioners said :—"The Workshops which have been provided by the liberality of Mr. Herbert Storey are approaching completion, and will be opened shortly. They will be a great boon to the Asylum, and no doubt lead to a still further development of the industrial system as pursued in the Institution."

A detailed description of the building is appended to this Report.

The inauguration was performed by Mr. Herbert L. Storey, High Sheriff of Lancashire. A few introductory and appropriate remarks were made by Sir John T. Hibbert as Chairman of the Central Committee, Mr. Storey briefly explained the objects he had in view in promoting the erection of the Workshops, and he then requested the acceptance of the building by Lord Muncaster as representing the Trustees of the Asylum. The building was afterwards inspected by many of the visitors, who greatly admired it.

Previous to this function, there had been a numerously-attended meeting of the Central Committee, which was being held while visitors were inspecting the Schools and the other arrangements of the Asylum. At the close of the committee-meeting, Lady Hibbert presented the long-service medals

Presentation
of
Long-Service
Medals
by
Lady Hibbert.

which fell due this year. Four gold medals were given for 17 years' service and upwards ; one silver medal for 12 years' service or more ; and three bronze medals for 7 years' service or more. Sir John T. Hibbert presided, and was supported by Lord Muncaster, Mr. H. L. Storey, and Mr. N. W. Helme, M.P.

The Luncheon.

After the opening of the "Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops," the old workshops were inspected, and the Luncheon guests then proceeded to the Winmarleigh Hall, where an excellent luncheon was provided by the Lancaster Catering Company. Mr. E. M. Sutcliffe, the Asylum collecting clerk, presided at the beautiful organ presented to the Institution by the late Mrs. F. E. Rawson, of Thorpe, Halifax ; and Mr. Vere conducted the excellent Royal Albert Asylum orchestral band, whose performance delighted the audience.

Sir John T. Hibbert presided, and was supported by Mr. H. L. Storey and Mrs. Storey, Lord Muncaster, Lady Hibbert, Colonel Foster (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), Mr. E. Storey (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee), Mr. Wm. Brooke (Chairman of the Huddersfield Local Committee), Colonel Marton, Mr. W. W. B. Hulton, the Mayor of Lancaster (Colonel Allen, V.D.), and the Vicar of Lancaster (Canon Bonsey).

In giving the toast of "Mr. Herbert L. Storey, High Sheriff of Lancashire, Donor of the New Industrial Schools and Workshops," the President traced the growth of the Royal Albert Asylum from the gift of £2,000 by Mr. James Brunton, of Lancaster, in 1864. He said that the Institution had been favoured with many large donations : instancing Sir Titus Salt's £5,000 ; the Rev. Richard Brooke and Mrs. Brooke's £30,000 ; Mr. Edward Rodgett's £5,000 for the Rodgett Infirmary ; Sir Thomas Storey's Home for Feeble-minded Girls, costing about £7,500 ; Lord Ashton's £15,000 for the Ashton Wing of the Asylum. The President dwelt upon the great boon conferred upon the Institution by Mr. H. L. Storey, eldest son of the late Sir Thomas Storey, in contributing £5,250 towards the erection of new workshops, which were greatly needed. Mr. H. L. Storey thanked the President and the assembly for the toast of his health, and

said that his object had been to provide better facilities for the training of boys in industrial pursuits. The toast of "The Trustees," proposed by Mr. Wm. Brooke, was acknowledged by Lord Muncaster. His Lordship, in replying, said that, however arduous the duties of the Trustees had been or were likely to be, they would be exceedingly pleased if they became more arduous by reason of such noble gifts as they had received that day. Colonel Foster gave the toast of "The President," and referred to the fact that the Institution had had only three Chairmen of the Central Committee since the project was started in 1864: the late Dr. de Vitré, who had served 14 years; the late Lord Winmarleigh, who had occupied the post for 12 years; and the present Chairman, who was appointed in 1890. The President suitably responded. Thus ended an eventful day in the annals of the Royal Albert Asylum.

The number of Patients now in the Institution is 626, and they may be thus classified, according to the Counties from which they have been received :

Number
and
Classification
of
Patients.

Lancashire	273
Yorkshire.....	182
Cheshire	57
Durham	54
Cumberland	31
Westmorland	13
Northumberland	12
Other Counties	4
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	626

Applications are frequently received from other counties, but, as the Institution is intended for feeble-minded young persons belonging to the Seven Northern Counties of England, patients from other districts can only be admitted at the full rate of payment of 60 guineas per annum.

Of the 626 inmates, 406 are boys and 220 girls. 270 are election cases, 323 reduced-payment cases, 16 full-payment cases, 3 associated and private cases, 12 life-interest cases, and 2 presentation cases.

As the total accommodation now afforded is for 650 cases, the Committee are of opinion that great care must be exercised in the selection of new candidates for admission, and that those only should be admitted who are likely to derive

Accommoda-
tion for
Patients.

great benefit from the training. They hold that it would be wasting the resources of the Institution to admit cases incapable of improvement, who require only a comfortable home and kindly care ; and they would respectfully call the attention of subscribers and friends to these considerations.

The following is a table of the contributions to the Maintenance and Sustentation Funds as received from the Seven Associated Counties during the year :

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.						SUSTEN- TATION FUND ACCOUNT.	TOTAL.		
	Annual Subscrip- tions,		Donations.		Legacies.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£		s. d.	
LANCASHIRE	1492	6 6	115	13 8	100	0 0	200	0 0	1908	0 2
YORKSHIRE	1198	15 11	183	18 10	.....	.....	2500	0 0	3882	14 9
CHESHIRE	453	14 3	33	2 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	486	16 5
WESTMORLAND.....	200	18 3	3	6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	204	4 6
CUMBERLAND	290	2 3	8	10 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	298	12 9
DURHAM	402	19 11	1	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	403	19 11
NORTHUMBERLAND	42	16 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	16 6
	4081	13 7	345	11 5	100	0 0	2700	0 0	7227	5 0

Legacies are necessarily a very fluctuating source of income. The Committee are grateful to be able to announce the following, which have been received in the financial year just completed :

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Samuel Ackroyd, Bradford	1,000	0	0
Mr. Samuel Tyzack, Thirsk	1,000	0	0
Mr. J. J. Willis, Austwick, Clapham ...	500	0	0
Mrs. Worsdell, Ulverston	200	0	0
Miss Ellen Hardman, Wigan	50	0	0
Mrs. Turner Greene, Wigan	50	0	0

These legacies are from friends who contributed to the funds in their lifetime, as have been most of the legacies bequeathed to the Institution. The investment of legacies has enabled the Committee to provide a handsome Reserve Fund, which promotes the financial stability of the Institution, and perpetuates its usefulness.

During the year the following additional investments have been made on Sustentation Fund Account : £2,278 and £1,200 North Eastern Railway Guaranteed Stock, interest at 4 per cent. ; total cost, £4,327 17s. 6d.

The finances of the Institution are, on the whole, in a satisfactory state, though the total amount received from all sources last year, omitting Farm and Garden items, was £33,602 9s. 7d., as against £26,731 13s. 4d. this year, taking no account of Mr. Storey's £5,250. Last year's total included legacies amounting to £10,991 10s. 2d., and this year they have been £2,700. In the Maintenance Fund, the donations have declined (omitting £100 from legacies under 50 guineas, which are not invested) from £622 15s. 6d. to £345 11s. 5d. The annual subscriptions have fallen from £4,233 4s. 5d. to £4,081 13s. 7d. This is a loss of £151 10s. 10d., principally accounted for by one or two large subscriptions which have not come into account this year, and by a slight decrease in the annual subscriptions from Ladies' Associations. Most of the counties have not come up to the level of last year. Payments for patients have increased from £11,396 2s. 10d. to £11,993 15s. 6d., and the interest on investments from £5,149 18s. 6d. to £5,541 1s. 10d. On the Sustentation Fund Account, there has been received, in addition to £2,700 from legacies, a sum of £1,350 for the purchase of a life-interest for a private patient who had been in the Institution for 13 years. The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has benefited by £109 11s. 0d. from interest.

Finances—
Income.

The ladies connected with the various Ladies' Associations have, with persevering zeal, continued their benevolent operations during the year, and, though the total amount collected this year is £2,756 17s. 0d., while last year it was £2,822 6s. 8d., it is surprising, considering the prevalent bad trade, that the difference has not been greater than the £65 9s. 8d. Only those who have to superintend the work of these Associations can form an adequate idea of the worry and anxiety involved in keeping them going year after year. In all these Associations, vacancies are caused by the resignation of collectors, and sometimes great difficulty is found in obtaining willing and suitable successors. It speaks well for the Christian self-denial of those ladies who have for many years continued in the good work, and the Central Committee owe them a deep debt of gratitude. Their support is not limited to the obtaining of pecuniary contributions, but valuable assistance is rendered in seeking out necessitous

Ladies'
Associations

and eligible cases for admission into the Institution. The Cheshire Association still holds a leading place among the Associations for the amount of its collection, and is second only to the Manchester and Salford District Association, which has Branches in several large towns.

The amounts collected by the Ladies' Associations this year are as follows :

						Annual			Subscriptions. Donations.			Total.		
MANCHESTER DISTRICT :—						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Manchester	..	..	..	..	..	266	8	8	20	17	10	287	6	6
„	(Rochdale Branch)	..	..	..	..	71	5	6	5	5	0	76	10	6
„	(Burnley Branch)	..	..	..	..	41	7	6	0	7	6	41	15	0
„	(Bolton Branch)	..	..	..	..	50	10	0	7	2	4	57	12	4
„	(Bury Branch)	..	..	..	..	41	19	4	..	..	..	41	19	4
„	(Oldham Branch)	..	..	..	..	19	0	0	..	..	..	19	0	0
„	(Ashton Branch)	..	..	..	..	8	13	0	..	..	..	8	13	0
						499	4	0	33	12	8	532	16	8
CHESHIRE	..	..	..	..	..	398	13	9	33	2	2	431	15	11
DURHAM	..	..	..	..	..	385	2	11	..	..	..	385	2	11
HALIFAX	..	..	..	..	..	353	9	11	4	6	0	357	15	11
CUMBERLAND	..	..	..	..	..	234	11	9	8	10	6	243	2	3
BRADFORD	..	..	..	..	..	182	9	0	9	1	4	191	10	4
LIVERPOOL	..	..	..	..	..	172	19	6	19	14	0	192	13	6
WESTMORLAND	..	..	..	..	..	169	8	3	2	6	3	171	14	6
HUDDERSFIELD	..	..	..	..	..	84	12	6	2	14	0	87	6	6
LEEDS	..	..	..	..	..	76	19	0	..	..	..	76	19	0
YORK	..	..	..	..	..	64	1	6	0	2	6	64	4	0
SOUTHPORT	..	..	..	..	..	19	15	6	..	..	..	19	15	6
OTHER PLACES	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0	..	..	..	2	0	0
						£2643	7	7	113	9	5	2756	17	0

Considerable sums have been obtained by individual collectors: as Miss Rayner, Brighouse, Halifax Ladies' Association, £98; Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, Bradford Association, £66; Mrs. G. D. Killey, Liverpool Association, £42 3s. 6d.; Mrs. E. J. Crossley, Hebden Bridge, Halifax Association, £35 6s. 6d. Mr. John Whitley, Chairman of the Halifax Local Committee, has continued his help to the Ladies' Association, and has personally collected for it the sum of £34 15s. 6d. The late Mrs. D. J. Crossley, of Hebden Bridge, had been a successful collector for many years, and her death is deplored.

It is with sincere regret that the Central Committee have to record the retirement of Mrs. Hodgson Wright from the superintendence of the Halifax Ladies' Association, on account

of impaired health. Mrs. Hodgson Wright organised that Association in 1878, and had ever since indefatigably acted as its President, Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary. It was feared that the loss of her services would be irreparable, and the warmest thanks are due to Mr. John Whitley for endeavouring to find an efficient successor. Fortunately, Miss Hilda B. Wright was induced to take up her mother's duties, which she has performed most satisfactorily. Mrs. Barr, the Treasurer of the Bury Branch of the Manchester and Salford Association, has been obliged to resign her office in consequence of her removal from the neighbourhood. Mrs. Barr always evinced great interest in the work of the Institution. She has been succeeded by Mrs. Byrom, of Bury. Miss Merchant has been appointed Honorary Treasurer and Secretary at Southport; and Miss Bartlett has kindly undertaken the position of Collector for the West Derby district of Liverpool. If the gentlemen connected with the Local Committees would lend their influence in the formation of additional Ladies' Associations or Branches, the funds of the Institution might be largely augmented. This co-operation is earnestly invited by the Central Committee.

A very pleasing gift of £100 has been received from the father of one of our inmates, who now resides in Sydney, New South Wales. Before leaving England, some years since, in search of health and improved circumstances, he purchased a life-interest for his son, with whom he has, through a relative, maintained constant communication. The letter containing the donation was as follows:

Donation
from the
Father of a
Patient.

New South Wales,
January 1st, 1904.

The Secretary,
The Royal Albert Asylum,
Lancaster, England.

Dear Sir,

It gives me much pleasure to pass you a donation of £100 (one hundred pounds) to your great and valuable Institution, as per enclosed first of draft.

The gift is a thank-offering for the benefit to me, through the Institution's care of my son John Walter.

Yours truly,

J. B.

Letter of
Thanks from a
Father.

The following letter has been received from the father of a lad who had been in the Institution for 14 years. He was a bright-looking boy, but incapable of any mental improvement :

Bradford,
Feb. 9th, 1904.

Dear Mr. Diggins,

We laid our boy Sydney to rest last Wednesday. It is now my duty and pleasure to tender you our warmest thanks for the many kindnesses you have shown us at various times, and for the very great service you have rendered us by taking care of Sydney for so many years. You have done this in a right noble manner, and you have laid us under a debt of gratitude that we can never pay. The kindness of your staff has been especially noticeable during Sydney's last illness, and the motherly care of Miss Coulter and her assistants will always be gratefully remembered by us all. Might I ask you to convey to Miss Coulter our deepest appreciation of what she has done ?

Please enrol me as an annnal subscriber of £1 1s. od. to the funds of the Institution—enclosed is the first subscription.

Mrs. W. joins with me in kind regards to yourself and Drs. Douglas and Coupland.

Yours sincerely,
H. W.

Other Special Contributions may be mentioned :

Special
Contributions.

One half of the income arising from £330 Three per cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock of the London and North-Western Railway Company, and £186 Three per cent. Debenture Stock of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, has been transferred to the Institution, through the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, by the Right Hon. Viscount Cross, as representing the Trustees of his brother, the late Henry Assheton Cross, Esq.

	£	s.	d.
A Donation from Mr. John E. Greenwood, Mytholmroyd	50	0	0
The Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited (additional, making £441).....	21	0	0
The Heywood Industrial Society (additional, making £104 15s. 0d.)	5	5	0
The Crewe Co-operative Society, Limited.....	3	3	0
Mrs. Powell, Crewe, the mother of a patient in the Asylum, has collected £19 13s. 6d.....	19	13	6
A Donation for the Staff Library from Mrs. Blades, Lancaster.....	1	1	0
Also for the same object, a Donation " In memoriam of the late Mrs. Diggins "	0	10	6
Mr. W. K. Powell, Preston, 151 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas.			

Messrs. Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3,944 Bulbs.

Messrs. Price and Wills, Contractors, Heysham Harbour Works, 20 tons of Firewood.

GIFTS TO THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. M. Wigley, Lancaster, 1 Cabinet containing 12 cases of Type.

Messrs. E. & J. L. Milner, Lancaster, Bookbinding Tools.

Messrs. Eaton and Bulfield, 1 Ream of assorted Fancy Paper.

The following Annual Subscriptions from Co-operative Societies have been continued :

Annual
Subscriptions
from
Co-operative
Societies.

	£	s.	d.
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society.....	21	0	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society, Limited ..	5	5	0
Manchester & Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Brighouse Industrial Society	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5	5	0
The Great & Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Hebden Bridge Industrial Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Hebden Bridge Fustian Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Eccles Provident Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd.	3	3	0
Doncaster Mutual Co-operative Industrial Society ...	2	2	0
Preston Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited.....	2	2	0
Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society	2	2	0
Sowerby Bridge Flour Society	2	2	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society	2	2	0
Halifax Flour Society, Limited	2	2	0
Durham Co-operative Society	1	1	0
Luddenden Industrial Society	1	1	0

Also from the Newbold Friendly Society, Rochdale... 10 0 0

The Central Committee have repeatedly called attention in these Reports to the fact that very few Clergymen and Ministers make collections or offertories for the Institution, although many candidates for admission by election are introduced by clergymen, who are invariably asked to give such assistance. The Committee consider that a double advantage might be secured in this way, not only by the financial help obtained, but by the publicity given to the benefits conferred by the Institution upon imbecile children and their parents. Co-operation in the formation of Branch Ladies' Associations for the collection of small sums would be gratefully appreciated.

Appeal to
Clergymen
and
Ministers.

The following gentlemen have advocated the claims of the Institution during the year, and some of them have done so regularly for many years :

Rev. Leyland Baldwin, St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, Preston.
 Rev. H. G. Croft, Chaplain of Sedgefield Asylum.
 Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. H. V. Elliott, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
 Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
 Rev. John T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh.
 Rev. Edward H. Stewart, St. Bartholomew's Church, Croxdale.
 Rev. W. Stuart White, Esh, Durham.
 Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, St. Paul's Church, Rawtenstall.
 Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.

Lunacy Com-
missioners'
Report

The Lunacy Commissioners made their annual inspection of the Asylum in May, and gave a very satisfactory Report of their visit. They said :

"Our complete inspection of all parts of this Asylum and its dependencies to day enables us to report favourably of its condition and management.

"It continues to discharge very useful functions in a most efficient manner, and is entitled to the liberal support of the public.

"The Workshops which have been provided by the liberality of Mr. Herbert Storey are approaching completion, and will be opened shortly. They will be a great boon to the Asylum, and no doubt lead to a still further development of the industrial system as pursued at the Institution.

"The very useful renewal of the lavatories throughout the Asylum is still proceeding, and will be a great improvement.

"That the Institution is not failing at all in its charitable operations is evident from the fact that only 28 of the patients pay more than the average cost of maintenance, which is 13s. 11d. a week.

"The Storey Home continues to be a most valuable adjunct to the Asylum, and is maintained in excellent order."

The Commissioners called attention to the need for several improvements which are undoubtedly desirable, as the erection of additional external staircases and the asphalting of the two large airing courts. These matters have been delayed by the pressure of other work, but they will be taken in hand as soon as possible.

Installation
of the
Electric Light.

The Committee are glad to be able to report that the installation of the electric-light throughout the Asylum, to which the Lunacy Commissioners referred, is now completed, and electric lamps are being fixed in the grounds. With the generating machines and new dynamo-house, new boiler and extension of boiler-house, new economiser and condenser, and

the new chimney, &c., the cost has much exceeded the expectations of the Committee, but the work, though long, tedious, and costly, has been carried out in a thoroughly efficient and scientific manner under the superintendence of Mr. I. H. Storey, a member of the Central Committee, who kindly undertook the entire task of planning and executing the installation in all respects. The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops, into which the electric-light and a powerful electric ventilating-fan have been introduced, were not erected when the original scheme was approved. Fans have also been fixed in the schoolrooms and some large dormitories. There is no doubt that the substitution of the electric-light for gas will contribute to the cleanliness and healthfulness of the Asylum, and the electric fans will secure the expulsion of vitiated air and the inflow of pure air where they have been fixed. More fans might be introduced with advantage.

The sanitary improvements commended in the Lunacy Commissioners' Report have occupied the attention of the Committee for nearly three years, and they have been carefully carried out, with great skill and thoroughness, by the Clerk of the Works, Mr. F. W. Leach. Some further alterations remain to be done, though the sanitary arrangements of the Institution on the whole may now be regarded as excellent.

These extensive improvements could not have been accomplished out of the ordinary Maintenance Fund of the Institution, and they have only been rendered possible by the diversion from the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account of the credit balances which had been accumulating for several years for the erection of a wing for the care of feeble patients and of such other inmates as might develop epilepsy after admission. The cost of this Wing having been defrayed by Lord Ashton's noble gift of £15,000, the amount of the Estate and Buildings Improvement Fund was set at liberty for various other desirable improvements. It is now nearly exhausted, and no great extra expense can be undertaken without very serious consideration.

Need for a
Reception
House.

But there is a pressing need for a Reception House, where about 20 new patients can be quarantined for a fortnight or three weeks. Coming from scattered homes, to admit them direct into the main building involves risk of the introduction of infectious disease. The only place where they can at present be received and isolated is, if vacant, the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary, which was designed and fitted up as an Infectious Hospital ; and it has often happened that candidates who have been passed by the Committee as eligible for admission have been kept out for several weeks, and even months, because of there being in that portion of the Infirmary cases of scarlatina, measles, whooping-cough, &c. The provision of a proper Reception House has the approval of the Lunacy Commissioners, who regard the matter as one of great importance. The Central Committee would therefore earnestly appeal to the liberality of the numerous friends of the Institution for donations to enable them to carry out this desirable object.

The Farm.

The Farm continues to be under the immediate and careful management of Mr. William Orr, the Farm Bailiff, who is responsible to the Principal and the Farm Committee. It has supplied to the Asylum produce to the value of £3,709 15s. 1d. as follows :—41,374 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of beef ; 13,435 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of mutton ; 445 lbs. of lamb ; 1,479 lbs. of veal ; 15,887 lbs. of pork ; 130 fowls ; 41,159 gallons of milk ; 14,424 eggs ; 10,240 stones of potatoes ; 309 stones of turnips ; 19 stones of carrots. There is an annual valuation of farm crops, stock and implements by two practical farmers of good standing. The Garden supplies all the green vegetables consumed in the Institution, besides large quantities of early potatoes, turnips, carrots, &c. The value of the garden produce is £195 6s. 7d.

Average
Weekly Cost
of
Maintenance.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head—including staff, all office and administrative expenses, as well as building sundries, repairs, workshop-materials, and furniture—has been 13s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ; and, omitting the last four items, 13s. 0d. The amounts last year were 13s. 11d. and 13s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. respectively. Among the important items of extra expenditure in this year's accounts is £564 11s. 10d. for the internal painting and renovation of the Asylum and £135 6s. 2d. for the Storey Home. The sum of £44 12s. 6d. has been spent on corridor fire-engines.

One of the most important duties of the Principal has been the vigilant control of the expenditure on Maintenance Account, with a view to the exercise of economy in all the departments. No stores can be purchased without his official order in writing; he must similarly authorise all sales of stocks or goods; and all requisitions for supplies must be submitted for his examination. This concentration of responsibility, whilst involving much anxious, persistent attention to the needs and details of administration, must tend to prevent extravagance and waste and to promote efficiency.

Financial
Management.

Mr. A. B. S. Welch, professional Auditor, has again thoroughly examined the books of account, vouchers, and balance sheets, and has been ably assisted by Mr. S. Satterthwaite, as Honorary Auditor. They have also inspected the securities of the Sustentation Fund investments. The report and certificates are given with the balance sheets.

Audit.

The Committee refer with deep regret to the death of Mr. John Satterthwaite, who was appointed in 1881 one of the Preston representatives on the Central Committee. After 1894, when he came to reside in Lancaster, Mr. Satterthwaite was able to devote much time to the affairs of the Asylum, and he was some years later appointed a Vice-Chairman of the House Committee and Chairman of the Farm Committee, in which offices he rendered excellent service. As Vice-Chairman of the House Committee, he acquired much knowledge of the details of administration, and his sound judgment and advice were greatly esteemed. He was succeeded in the Vice-Chairmanship of the House Committee by his brother, Mr. Samuel Satterthwaite, who had since 1891 been a member of the Central Committee. Dr. Wingate-Saul was appointed Chairman of the Farm Committee. The Ven. Archdeacon Clarke, of Cockerham, has been appointed a Preston representative on the Central Committee in the place of Mr. John Satterthwaite. By the deaths of Mr. J. B. Dewhurst, of Skipton, and Mr. T. Horrocks, of Carlisle, the Institution has lost the support of two good friends who had been members of the Central Committee for many years. Mr. T. A. Argles, while continuing to be Chairman of the

Changes
in the
Central
Committee.

Westmorland Committee, has resigned his membership of the Central Committee, in which office he has been succeeded by Mr. C. Frith-Hudson.

Acknowledg-
ments.

To the Local Committees hearty thanks are due for valuable co-operation in various ways, and the services of the Honorary Officers also deserve grateful acknowledgment. To the Newspaper Press throughout the Northern Counties the Central Committee again express their sincere gratitude for powerful support.

The
Rodgett
Infirmary.

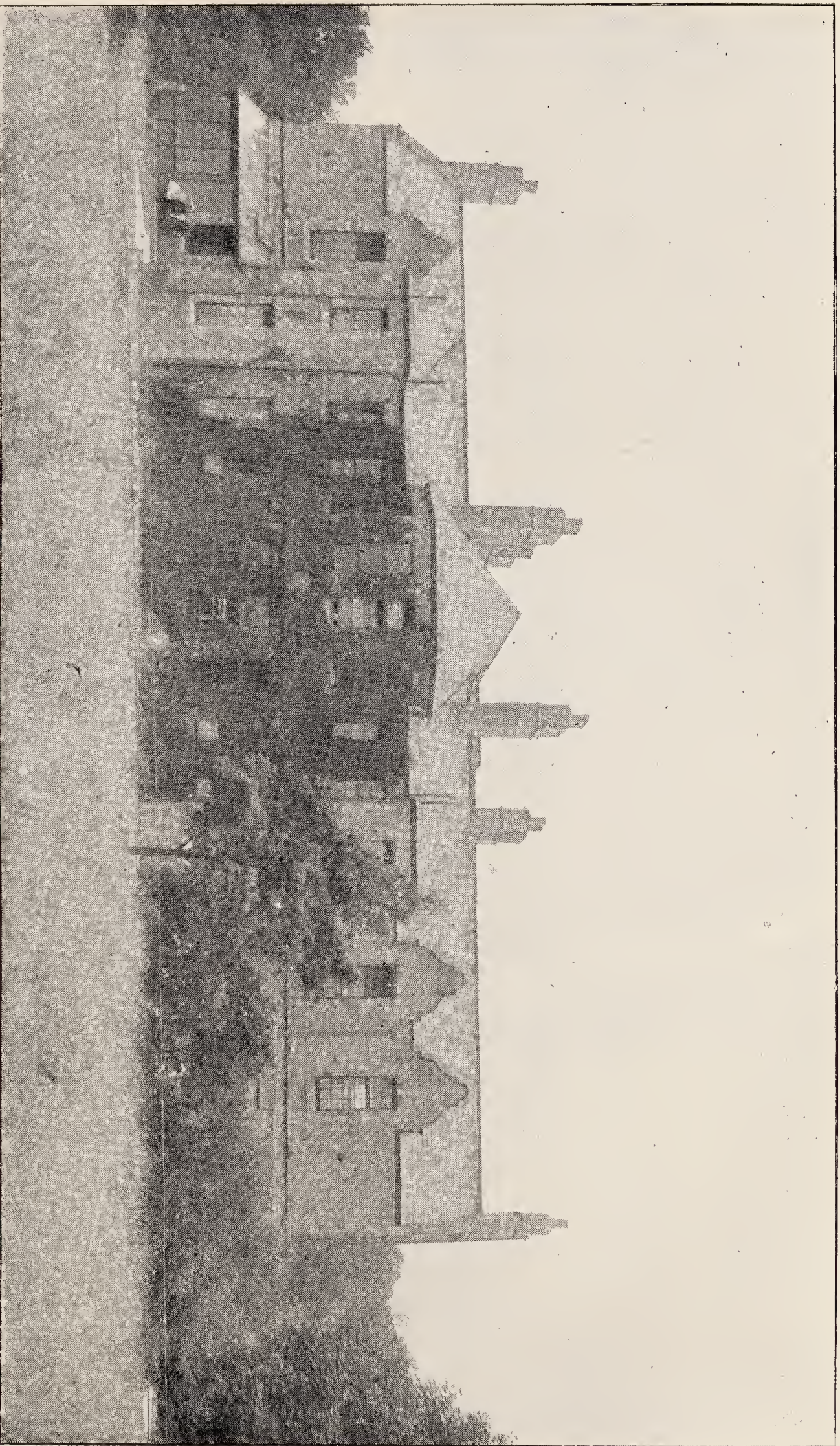
The Nursing Staff at the Rodgett Infirmary has again undergone trying changes. Miss Ethel Coulter, the Nurse-Matron, having resigned after about a year's occupancy of her office, the Committee appointed as Nurse-Matron, Miss Helen M. M. Rasey, of Keyworth, Nottingham, who had been trained at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. Considering the numerous, and often serious, cases of illness at the Infirmary, the Committee came to the conclusion that it would be well to have the services of an additional trained nurse, who could relieve the Nurse-Matron in attention to critical cases, and take charge of the Infirmary in her absence. It must, however, be confessed that the nursing of sick imbeciles is not very encouraging or attractive work, and that it requires a strong spirit of Christian self-denial and compassion to perform it properly.

Brunton
House.

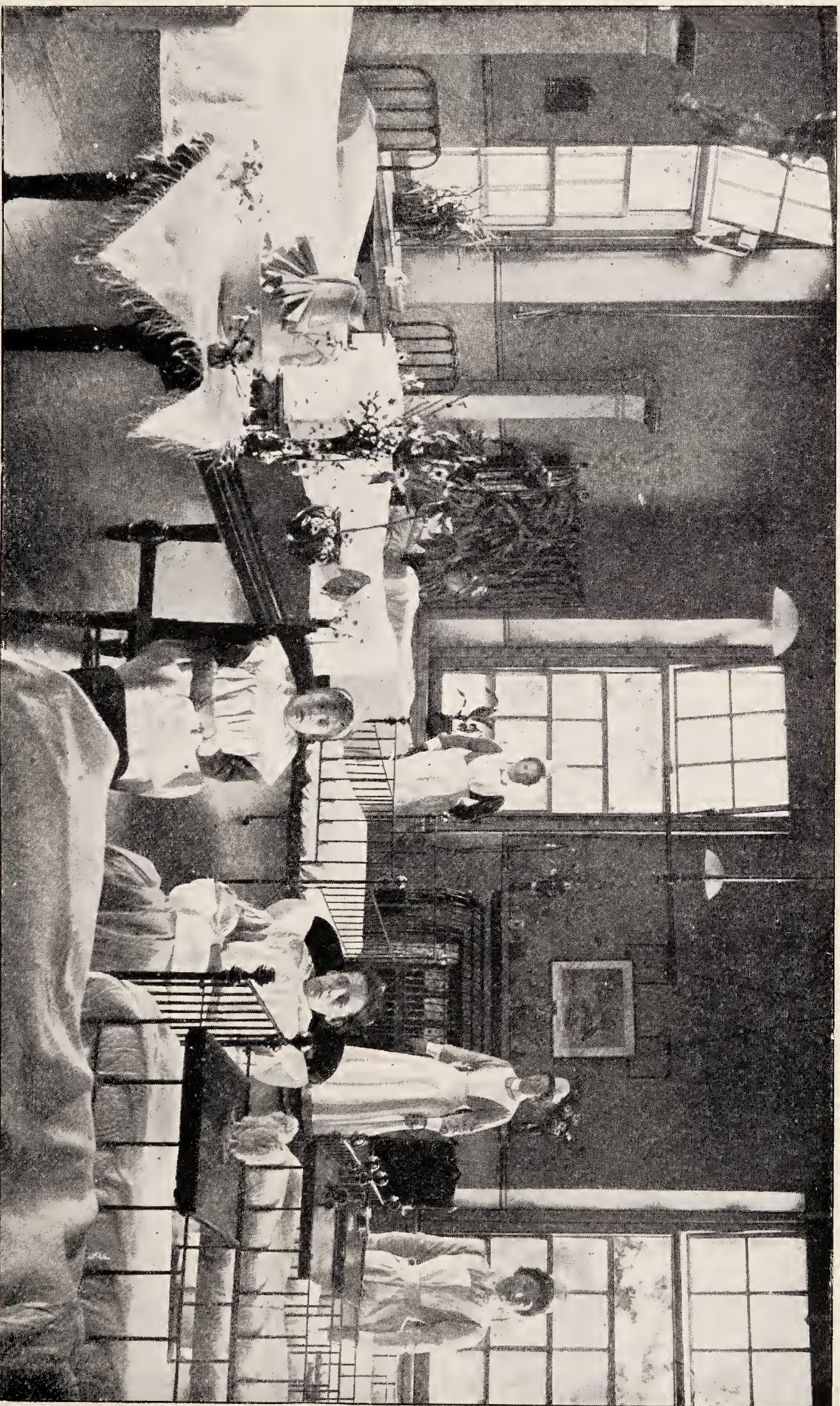
Brunton House continues to be a pleasant Home for feeble-minded youths of a higher grade, mentally and socially, who enjoy also the advantages of the training, occupations, and associated amusements of the Institution. It has charming grounds, and is a delightful retreat. It is under the immediate management of an experienced Matron, Miss D. Studdert, who is assisted by an adequate and efficient staff. Telephonic communication is established between Brunton House and the Institution.

The
Storey Home.

The Storey Home, which is the admiration of all who inspect it, satisfactorily fulfils the objects of its founder, the late Sir Thomas Storey. It provides excellent accommodation for forty senior girls connected with the Institution, and affords facilities for their training in various kinds of domestic



THE RODGETT INFIRMARY.



WARD IN THE RODGETT INFIRMARY.

work. Many of these girls daily attend at the Asylum to assist in the domestic work or to aid in the care of the helpless patients, and these services are much appreciated. The Home is efficiently and economically managed by Mrs. Smith, the Matron.

Both these Branches are useful adjuncts to the Royal Albert Asylum, and meet the special requirements of classification for certain of its patients; but it is obvious that every additional block necessarily increases the labour and responsibility of the general supervision, and adds to staff and other expenses.

It is with much pleasure that the Committee quote the gratifying testimony of official and other visitors to the Institution since the last Report : Testimony of
Official and
Other Visitors.

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE ROCHDALE UNION :—

“ Saw the patients chargeable, and were pleased to find them comfortable and apparently well cared for.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HOLBECK UNION :—

“ The Deputation from the Holbeck Union have seen the two patients chargeable to the Union, and they are perfectly satisfied with their appearance and the attention given to them.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HUNSLET UNION :—

“ We, the undersigned, having to-day visited this Institution and seen the four patients chargeable to the Hunslet Union, Leeds, have much pleasure in expressing our great satisfaction with their appearance and their surroundings.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BOLTON UNION :—

“ Visited the Asylum to-day, and saw the patients chargeable to the Bolton Union. We were well satisfied with their appearance. The Doctor courteously showed us over the Institution, and we were much interested in the new Workshops.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE LEEDS UNION :—

“ A Deputation of Guardians from the Leeds Union have this day visited this Institution, and have seen the patients chargeable to them. The Guardians are highly satisfied with the evident improvement in many of the patients, which plainly shows the care and attention bestowed upon them.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE OLDHAM UNION :—

“ We, the undersigned, a Deputation from the Oldham Board of Guardians, have this day inspected the patients chargeable to the Oldham Union, and find that such patients appear to be well cared for, clean and contented, and they seem to be given the attention which is necessary for their benefit and welfare. We tender to the medical staff our sincere thanks for the courtesy extended to us during our inspection.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BLACKBURN UNION :—

“ A Deputation from the Guardians of the Blackburn Union visited this Institution on the 6th July, 1904, and found that J. W., J. T. F., and R. W. appeared to be very much improved mentally, and that M. M., whilst having improved since admission, does not appear to be capable of any further improvement. All the four patients were in very good bodily condition, and appeared to be very well cared for.”

DR. MERSON, Medical Superintendent of the Hull City Asylum :—

“ I have this day visited the Royal Albert Asylum, and am much pleased with all I have seen.”

MR. FRANCIS ASKEW, Deputy Chairman, Hull City Asylum Committee, and MR. JOSEPH H. HIRST, City Architect :—

“ We visited with Dr. Merson on the same date, and express our great pleasure with what we have seen.”

DR. JAMES T. T. RAMSAY, Blackburn :—

“ I have visited many similar Institutions, but none so fine as this.”

The following entry was made in the Visitors' Book on July 23rd, 190 when the Institution was inspected by Dr. M. Boulenger, Assistant Spécial au Laboratoire de l'Hôpital St. Jean, Bruxelles, and Dr. Norbert Ensich, Chef du Service d'Hygiène de Schaerbeek, Bruxelles :

“ L'intérêt de cette Institution est considérable pour nous Belges. Elle réalise complètement notre 'Rêve.' Tout y semble prévu pour mettre l'idiot et l'imbécile dans le vrai milieu social, toujours guidé, mais toujours respecté. On lui montre toutes les occupations imaginables. Il peut utiliser tous les instruments, et suivant son habilité et ses capacités il est sûr de trouver une occupation. L'aspect général de l'établissement est agréable ; entouré de jardins, de vastes champs cultivés, l'agriculture, source primordiale de notre vie sociale, a une large part dans l'établissement.—Quant aux méthodes spéciales de médico-pédagogie complétant l'œuvre pour amener les idiots les moins atteints vers un degré d'instruction primaire tout au moins, sans avoir pû les étudier et apprécier comme je l'aurais voulu elles me semblent à première vue très perfectionnées. Mais il faudrait passer plusieurs jours pour bien connaître une aussi belle Institution.—Je n'ai qu'un regret, c'est qu'en Belgique nous ne puissions faire ceci avant plusieurs années encore.”

The favourable impression left upon the minds of expert visitors after some years is illustrated by a quotation from a letter written by Dr. Fernald, the able and experienced Medical Superintendent of the Massachusetts State School for the Feeble-minded, an Institution for 800 inmates. Dr. Fernald visited the Asylum on February 25th, 1901, and the letter from which the extract is made was written on the 20th of October, 1903 :



A PEEP IN THE GROUNDS.

"I look back upon the day I spent at the Royal Albert as one of the happiest days of my life. It will probably be several years before I shall be able to cross again. When I do, I shall do as I did before, and the first place I shall visit after leaving Liverpool will be the Royal Albert. I hope the desire with you to cross the Atlantic will become acute, and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you here. You have many friends in America, and we should be happy and honoured at being able to see you in our Institutions and in our homes. I can tell you that there are very few Institutions for the Feeble-minded in the world doing better work than is done at the Royal Albert."

It is very encouraging to find that the idea of long-service medals, for which the Central Committee are indebted to the Chairman, is warmly approved and widely recognised. Dr. Bancroft, the Medical Superintendent of the New Hampshire State Hospital for the Insane, writing to the Principal on the 22nd of October last, says :

"I like the idea of recognition of long service in Institution work, and I read with pleasure the special testimonials that were given to those who had rendered such service. One of the great difficulties that we experience in this country is the shortness of the individual service in Institutions, and anything that will induce a long service is, I believe, to be greatly desired."

Written reports of patients who have been home for a month's holiday this year have been supplied. These will no doubt be of interest to subscribers. Of the 115 reports received only 8 stated that no improvement had been observed.

Testimony
of Friends
of Patients.

(W. 2267.) "I am under the impression that he has improved in health, both physically and otherwise, and that his education is far in advance of what it was, in my opinion, twelve months ago, an improvement which I am very delighted to see, and which I hope will be continued, as I am of the opinion that he will benefit greatly by it."

(A. 2264.) "We are pleased to note that our son W. has, under your care, improved in a many things, and feel convinced that with the same care in the future as in the past you will be able to teach him something that will be useful through life."

(H. 2240.) "Mrs. H. thinks her son much improved both bodily and mentally. In many ways she is surprised how many things he has learned in the last year."

(A. 2145.) "I think that my son's speech has greatly improved. There is improvement right round. If he continues there will be very little the matter with him when his time is up."

(H. 1998.) "I desire to inform you that my son O. has greatly improved since he was at home last, both in physical and mental condition, and his health seems extremely good. He was anxious to return again, which speaks highly of the treatment he has received while in the Institution, for which I am very thankful."

(C. 2327.) "My son is greatly improved, both in health and his habits generally, and he seems more inclined to learn ; if the improvement continues at the rate at which it has gone on for the first two years I am sure he will be able to earn his own living at the end of his seven years. Thanking you all very much for the great attention you have paid to him."

(Y. 2219.) "I am very pleased to observe S. has made satisfactory progress since August last ; his mental faculties have much improved, and his manner of helping himself is much better ; he also shows he has a great desire to help and do things for himself. I am quite pleased with the way he does things generally ; his condition appears healthy, though his stoutness must be a little hindrance to his movements generally."

(T. 2026.) The Father reports:—"I am thankful to notice that my daughter A. continues to improve ; her nerves seem now to be almost under control, and her speech has greatly improved ; her intelligence is remarkably better ; in fact her progress this year seems greater than at any previous period, especially her speech. The way in which she speaks of Miss B. and Nurse M. only shows how thoughtfully she is cared for by those in charge of her. She has grown considerably, and her health seems all that could be desired."

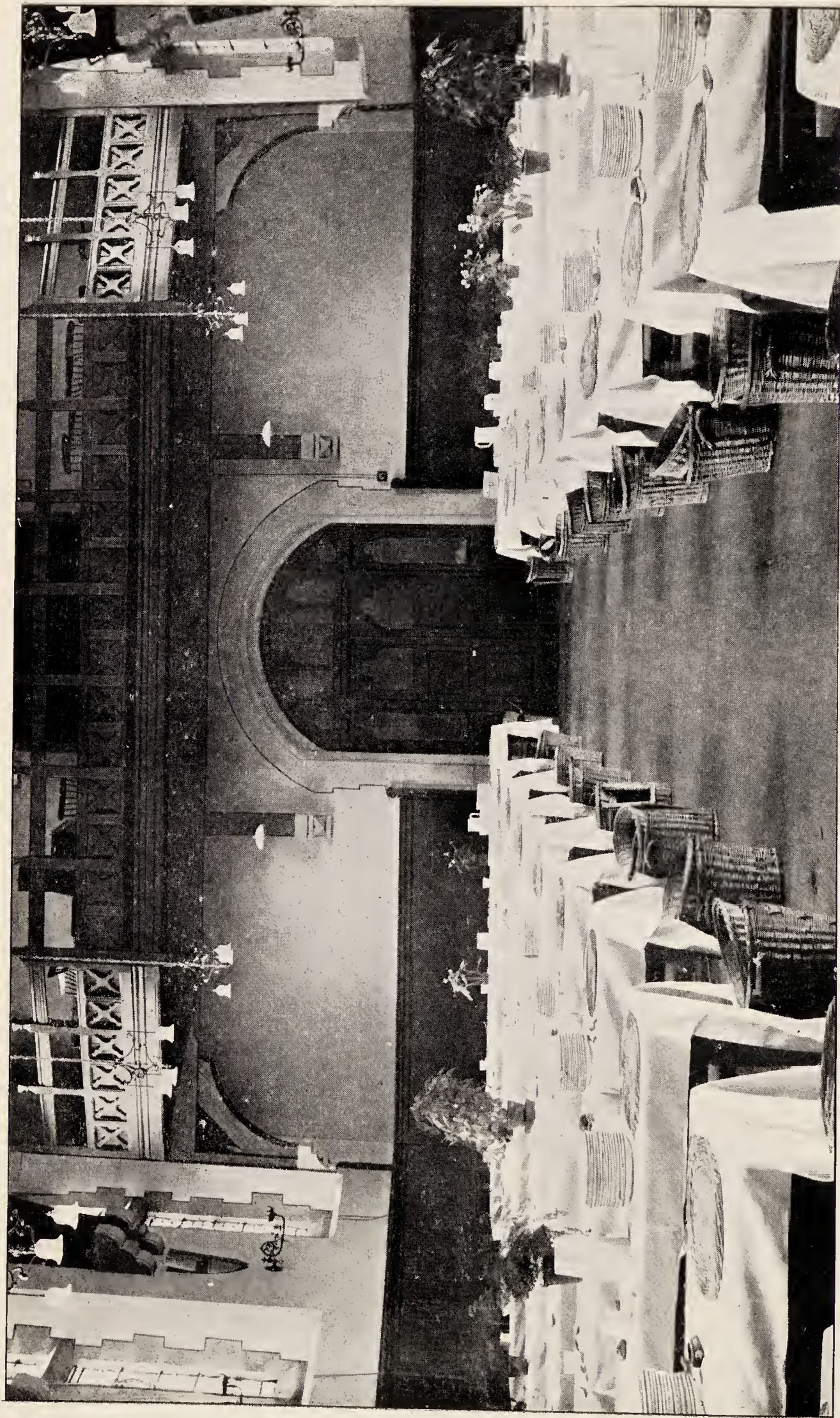
The Mother writes :—" We are delighted with her, and she has had a good round of visiting, and everyone is much impressed by her improvement ; she is so well behaved and good mannered, and her speech has delighted us. Where she used to say one word, she can make sentences of four and five words. I am sure we are greatly indebted to your staff for the improvement in our child, and I can assure you we do indeed think ourselves fortunate in having her under your care."

(F. 2385.) "I wish to testify to the improved behaviour of F. She is much more obedient than formerly, and I have not had the slightest trouble with her. Her memory has been strengthened, and I am pleased that she has begun to read so nicely. I only regret her stunted appearance, and heartily wish she could be made more sprightly, because her peculiar gait attracts so much vulgar attention. There has, however, been a change in this direction, and I have great hopes for her future."

(G. 2113.) "I am pleased to say my daughter is improving very nicely, and that we can see a great change in her. She seems strong in her limbs, nice in her behaviour ; in fact everyone who has seen her before think she is a great deal better every way."

(T. 2259.) "As far as I know there has not been any alteration in her health, which remains good. Her habits are much improved through your teaching ; she is quick at learning housework, reading, writing, and attending to herself to what she used to be. Her physical condition is much improved, and all her friends and relations are well pleased in the way your care and attention has strengthened and built her up."

(R. 2291.) "I am very pleased with the change in my adopted daughter E.R. She has improved both physically and mentally, and her habits are very much better. She has been all that could be desired in her behaviour while on holiday, and I trust she will continue to improve."



THE DEVITRÉ HALL.



CORNER OF A DORMITORY.

Numerous letters are received by the Principal from parents, in which they express their grateful appreciation of the care and training bestowed upon their children; but, however much those patients have improved, their friends are always glad to have the election term extended. This extension is sometimes granted when there is good prospect of further improvement. But the question of the permanent care of these feeble-minded ones is necessarily a cause for great anxiety to parents and friends, and it is hoped that legislation will soon be able to provide suitable and comfortable refuges where they may be shielded from harm and may contentedly pass their lives in as much usefulness as they are capable of. Appended is a selection from letters thanking the Committee for extending the usual election term :

Letters from
Parents of
Patients.

" I write to thank you and the Committee most kindly for your great kindness in my son N.'s case. I think it will be a great benefit for him to remain another year, as he had greatly improved last year, which speaks highly for the kindness you have shown to him. I am sure he would rather stay than come home, as he said you had treated him well in every respect, and it will also be beneficial for him in his work to remain a little longer. With kind regards to him from all, hoping to see him at holiday time and to find him well, and with many thanks to you and the Committee for the great kindness you have shown towards him."

M. A. D.

" In answer to your letter, we beg to thank the Central Committee and you for so kindly consenting to keep our daughter Mary Jane another year, as we know she will be cared for better at the Institution than we could care for her at home, and we are only too glad and thankful for her to stay, as we have another daughter that has been bad with her hip for some months. Again thanking you and the Central Committee for your kindness."

M. F.

" I cannot express my thanks sufficiently to you and the Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum for so generously and considerately permitting my son T. B. to remain another year in your Institution. Of late it had been my constant thought as to what we should do upon his return home. Not that we do not want him at home, far from it, but as to what we should be able to make of him when he did come. Under the circumstances, you will fully understand the relief your letter conveyed, and I cannot close my letter without again asking you, for I am unable personally, to convey my most sincere thanks to all who have so kindly consented to my son staying a longer term."

J. B.

" In answer to your letter of June 11th, I beg to accept your great kindness in allowing my son F. W. P. to remain another twelve months. I wish to return my most sincere thanks to you, Mr. Diggins, and also to the Central Committee for their very great kindness, and I hope and trust under your very great care and treatment that he may still further improve greatly during that time. I have been greatly worried about him, and it is a great release to think how kind you all are in considering his case and allowing him to stay another year. Thanking you and the Central Committee again."

J. H. P.

"I am in receipt of your favour, and cannot express how grateful I and my wife feel for your very generous offer.

"I had the pleasure of visiting my son George on Whit-Monday, and had the privilege of a short conversation with Dr. Douglas, asking his advice on what he considered the best we could do for George. Of course, he hardly gave a decided view, but he advised me to turn the matter over in my mind and write him, and he would most gladly give me all the advice and help he possibly could. We had fully expected having to remove him this year, and the receipt of your kind favour has lifted a great load off both me and my wife, and I most respectfully accept your very kind and generous offer to leave him for the term you name, as we know so much has been done for him and such a wonderful improvement has been made in him, which reflects the highest credit on all who have been responsible for his care and tuition. And we would that we could express our gratitude to all those who have so nobly worked to bring about such a wonderful change in his condition. In conclusion, we wish to express our humble thanks to you for the many kindnesses on his behalf, and more especially for this last kind favour and consideration."

F. W.

"In reply to yours of the 11th inst., intimating the postponement of my son's discharge from your establishment, I tender my sincere thanks to the Committee. Also, I must thank you for bringing the matter forward. It is a great relief to my mind, not knowing how to provide for him."

P. H.

"I thank you very much for your letter stating that the time for my daughter to stay has been extended for another year. I am exceedingly grateful to the Central Committee for so kindly extending the time, which will be a great relief to me, as had she had to come home it would have prevented me from going out to work and earn my living."

S. J. A.

Permanent
Care of the

Feeble-minded

The question of the permanent care of the feeble-minded is one which causes the gravest anxiety to parents and relatives, and is of deep interest to the community. It is sad to think of what is to be the future of many of our discharged patients. While the majority of those who have enjoyed the benefits of the training afforded by the Royal Albert Asylum and kindred Institutions are greatly improved, the proportion of them who are capable of earning their living independently is comparatively small. Feeble-mindedness is, unfortunately, a permanent defect which cannot be cured, though it may be much ameliorated. Under judicious and kindly supervision many may, after training, be enabled to contribute towards their support; but, if neglected, the value of their training would be diminished and possibly lost. And there is a large number of hopeless cases needing only comfortable homes, with suitable diet and exercise, and careful, compassionate attention.

Reference was made in the last Report to a movement promoted by the London Charity Organisation Society to obtain the appointment of a Royal Commission "to consider and report upon the existing provision for idiots, imbeciles, and the defective or feeble-minded, and to make recommendations." A petition, influentially and numerously signed by friends of these afflicted classes, was prepared for presentation to the Home Secretary, but, owing to the pressure of other important business, the consideration of the subject had to be deferred by the Government. Chiefly through the powerful influence of the Duke of Norfolk, the Marquis of Bristol, and Sir John Hibbert, as representing the Institutions for Imbeciles, a Royal Commission has now been promised by Mr. Balfour; and on the 17th of June a meeting of active friends interested in the care of the feeble-minded, convened by Mr. C. S. Loch, the Secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, was held in London, under the presidency of Mr. W. H. Dickinson, and it was suggested that the following matters should fall within the scope of the reference to the Royal Commission :

Efforts to
obtain the
Appointment
of a Royal
Commission.

- (1) The number of idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded and epileptics of all ages, the provision made for them, and the adequacy and efficiency of such provision.
- (2) The provision that should be made for their continuous care education, and treatment.
- (3) The authorities who should make this provision, their powers, and the need for new legislation.
- (4) The differentiation and classification of the various grades.
- (5) The training of children and of medical officers and teachers.

If these subjects are thoroughly considered by the Royal Commission, and practical recommendations are embodied in its Report, much progress will have been made towards the solution of one of the most pressing social problems of the time. It will then remain for the promoters of the movement to do all they can to bring the necessary legislation to a successful issue.

In concluding this Report, the Central Committee believe there is much cause for congratulation and devout thankfulness in the history and work of the past year. The beneficent objects for which the Institution was established—the care,

Conclusion.

education, and training of all classes of the feeble-minded—have been steadily kept in view ; the finances are in a sound condition ; the administration is efficient and economical ; the building has been greatly improved in its lighting, sanitary, and heating arrangements ; the health of the patients has been carefully studied and fostered ; the schools have been successfully conducted, and much progress has been made by the pupils ; opportunities have been afforded by the recent opening of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops for a great extension and development of the industrial training ; and the Institution is fortunate in having an efficient Staff, not a few of whose members have been in its service for many years and are devoted to their work, and is especially fortunate in retaining at the head of the Staff a Principal and Secretary whose loyal and sincere devotion to the interests of the Institution cannot be surpassed, and whose 40 years' able services deserve cordial acknowledgment. It may be confidently hoped, therefore, that with the Divine blessing the Royal Albert Asylum will continue to advance in all its manifold and useful activities for the benefit of the feeble-minded, and keep a foremost place among kindred Institutions.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending June 30th, 1904.

The Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths in that period have been as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Asylum, July 1st, 1903...	398	192	590
Admitted during the year...	49	43	92
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Total number under care during the year...	447	235	682

	M.	F.	Total.
Discharges ...	34	10	44
Deaths ...	7	5	12
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	41	15	56

Total number of discharges and deaths during the year ...	41	15	56
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In the Asylum, July 1st, 1904 ...	406	220	626

Table of
Admissions,
Discharges,
and
Deaths.

The average number resident in the Asylum during the year has been 610 (403 males and 207 females), as compared with 590 (397 males and 193 females) last year. Of the 92 patients admitted, 47 were elected by the subscribers; 28 were paid for by their respective Unions; 16 were ordinary reduced-payment cases; and one was a full-payment case. During the year, 3 of the cases admitted have been discharged, and 3 have died.

Admissions.

With regard to the admissions it may be stated that, while many of the cases were fully up to the average of *physique* and intelligence of our patients on being received into the Institution, there were some who proved to be very delicate, destructive, epileptic, or incapable of improvement. As it was, two pauper boys who were brought to the Institution were found to be so bad that I had to take the responsibility, with the concurrence of the Resident Medical Officer, of refusing them admission. Although it would be extremely difficult to arrange, it would certainly tend to keep the Institution clear of hopeless cases were all candidates to be seen by us before being passed by the Committee. Happily, many of the patients admitted during the year have made good progress in various ways, and will undoubtedly benefit by the training they are to receive. Maternal affection has caused some patients to be withdrawn who were doing well. It is not surprising that a child who has been the constant care of some fond mother should be greatly missed and pined for. If we believe the child to be a really improvable case, we try to exercise our persuasive powers to induce the mother to allow it, for its own good, to remain ; but our endeavours do not often avail much.

Discharges.

Of the discharged patients, I have only the same story to relate. Some youths have so much improved that, with judicious supervision and care, they ought to be able to contribute substantially towards their own maintenance, and, like others who have left us in the past, lead quiet, orderly and self-respecting lives. Girls have so greatly benefited by the domestic training, in addition to their intellectual improvement, that they are able to render useful help at home, as I know that many do. Others have improved to a less but very appreciable extent ; indeed, all the discharged patients are the better for their training in the Royal Albert Asylum. The worst of them have left better in habits, are more manageable, and are far less burdensome to their friends. And yet every discharge-day, one cannot but deeply sympathise with the parents when they come to fetch away the patients. They have been relieved of the obligation for the long period of seven years, and they find it difficult in, perhaps, altered circumstances to take up the load again. They often look forward to the future with heavy forebodings, and plead earnestly for an extension of the term. Here is a letter selected from many similar communications. The patient was a frivolous, light-headed, but good-natured girl who, under careful training at the Storey Home, has become a staid, sensible young woman :

RADCLIFFE,
July 18th, 1894.

"DEAR SIR,

"I received your kind and welcome letter. I was very glad to hear from you, and I thank you all very much indeed for the great trouble and care you have all taken of my daughter R. A. in bringing her round to what she is, for I am sure it is a very great thing to take in hand to train the feeble-minded, and I shall always speak well of the Royal Albert wherever I am and tell what good you have done for my daughter during the last eight years she has been there. I always think it a great pleasure to me whenever I come over and see what a splendid place it is.

"Dear sir, whenever you send word for my daughter's removal I will come over for her, but at the same time, Mr Diggins, I always thought I would like R. A. to be a nurse, if you think she would make one. I think it would be a good thing for her, if you think she would make one. Will you please to write back and let me know what you think would be fit for her to do? But I should be pleased to know she was working at the Royal Albert.

With thanks to all,

I remain, yours truly,
MRS. D."

We make use of some of the senior girls, and especially of those living at the Storey Home, to assist in the care of the more helpless children at the Asylum, but their ineradicable infirmity unfits them for responsibility alone in such work.

What is to be the future of the feeble-minded must excite grave anxiety in the minds of all engaged in the work of their training. The tendency is now towards segregation either in Homes or Colonies. Certainly they would all be the better for permanent supervision and care, and provision ought to be made without delay for the pauper classes and for the very poor who are not paupers; but whether legislation will be passed for any other class is doubtful. It is too much to expect charitable enterprise to undertake the life-long care of the feeble-minded of the non-pauper classes, without substantial contributions from the friends or from Local Authorities or the State. Custodial Asylums are certainly required for many of such cases as are discharged from the Royal Albert Asylum: for the hopeless cases, and for those who are improved but who, on being discharged, have no home to go to or friends to look after them, and who, left to themselves, would inevitably deteriorate and might become demoralising to society. It is desirable that custodial cases should not be associated with those under training, the old and the young together. These are very serious problems, and I trust that the Royal Commission will be able to find some practical solution of them. Meanwhile, much might be done by the establishment of after-care Associations under the auspices of our Ladies' Associations.

The
After-care
of the
Feeble-minded

Schools.

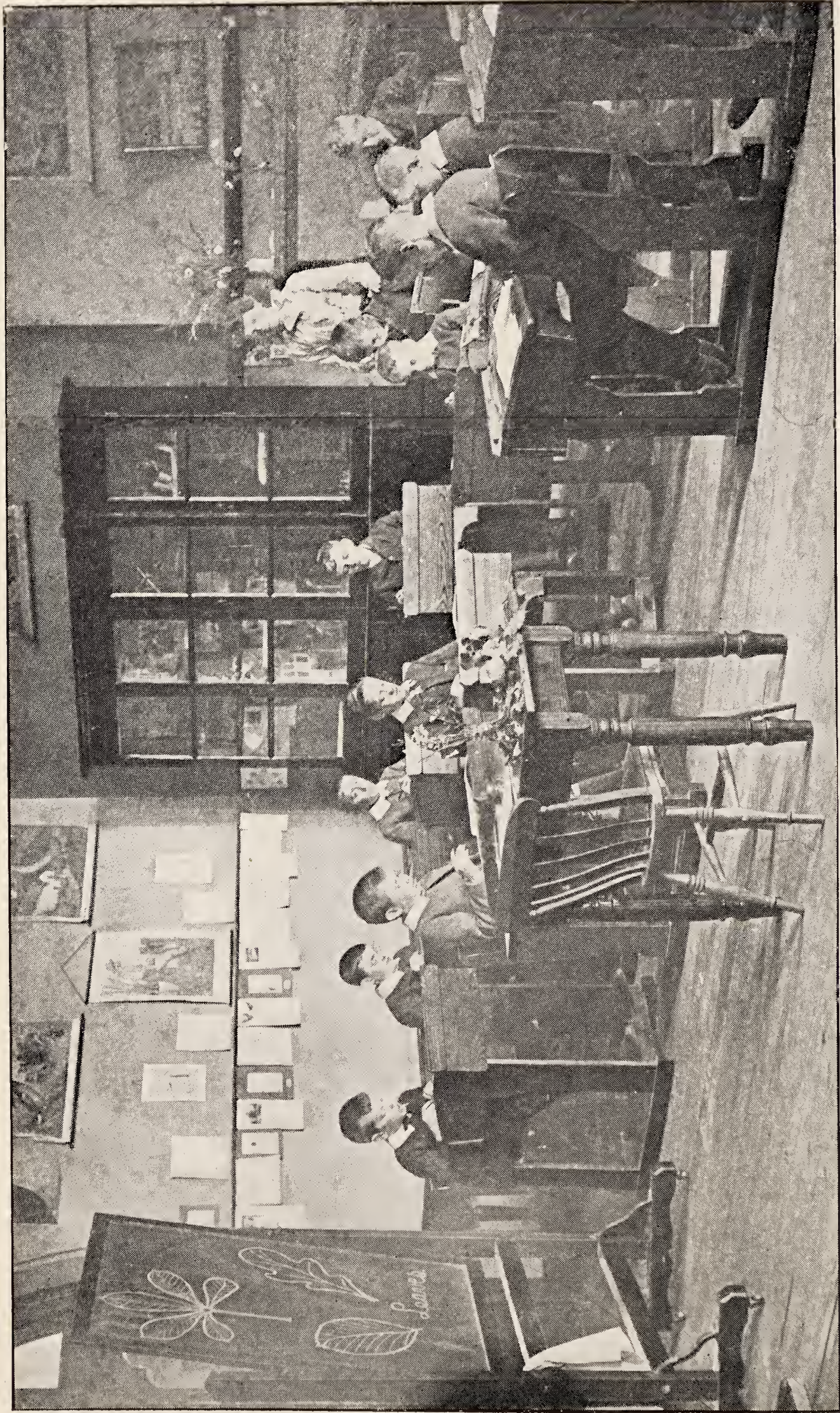
The Schools still occupy an important place in our system of training. When the patients are admitted, they are isolated in a separate building or department for two or three weeks; chiefly with a view to the prevention of the introduction of infectious disease, but also to afford an opportunity of investigating their physical and mental idiosyncracies. Physical abnormality or constitutional weakness is characteristic of feeble-mindedness, and has to be patiently studied and skilfully treated at the very outset. Experienced attendants or nurses are always placed in charge of new comers, and supply the Doctors with valuable information as the result of their own personal observation. The patients are then drafted off to the departments for which they appear to be most fitted. Many of them go straight to school, where they are apt to give their teachers a very trying time, not having been subjected to any training or discipline at home; but in a marvellously short time those who show any intelligence fall into the routine, become orderly and obedient, and so interested in their work that they regard it as a great punishment not to be permitted, through misbehaviour, to attend their classes. Their progress from class to class is carefully watched and recorded by the able Head Mistress, Miss Burdett, who has charge of the Girls and Infant Boys' School, and of the Intermediate School for Boys.

Visitors are always attracted to the class of little boys and girls, which is conducted by an affectionate and enthusiastic teacher; and are often moved by the pathos of the scene of happy, rosy-faced, bright-looking and apparently intelligent children, engaged at their simple kindergarten work, or laboriously endeavouring to master alphabetical mysteries in reading or writing, or attentively listening to, and trying to comprehend, some simple object-lesson, carefully adapted to their limited capacities. Perhaps the minds of the visitors stray back from Miss Bolton's class to the vision of their own children, not happier or brighter in *appearance* than these disinherited ones, but blessed with vigorous bodies and sound intellects. All may learn here how priceless is the boon of the *mens sana in corpore sano*, and lift up their hearts in devout gratitude to the Almighty Father.

In another room, under an experienced teacher, may be seen a large class of girls, many of whom have grown almost to the age of young women, pursuing, in the intervals of their domestic work about the Institution, their rudimentary studies in reading, writing, or the difficult art of numbers; or in



CLASS OF JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS' CLASS.

knitting, sewing, or darning. What a wealth of patience is needed to teach such a class of dull minds and stiff fingers! And yet the teacher, Mrs. Pugh, has been engaged in this work for more than nine years with no loss of zeal or energy.

And then, passing over to the Intermediate Boys' School, we see, under earnest, bright, lady-teachers, Miss Knox and Miss Salter, classes of boys, bearing unmistakable signs of mental weakness, doing most excellent work. They are able to read their lesson-books, to write good letters in an excellent hand, to do difficult sums in elementary arithmetic, to draw well, to compose brief essays on pictures of animals, flowers and field products, or natural phenomena, which have formed the subject of their object-lessons. And right proud are these poor boys of their achievements. In fact, all through the Institution, visitors are solicited to look at their work, and a word of praise evokes very pleasurable emotions. Many of these pupils are half-timers; that is, they attend school one half of the day, and go to some kind of work the other half.

I do not think I can do better than quote here the following paragraph from a paper communicated by Miss Burdett to the National Conference of Special School Teachers held at Manchester last October :

Extract from
Paper by the
Head-Mistress.

"We consider drawing a valuable aid in steadying hands that are more often than not very shaky. The little ones try to draw in sand with their fingers or pencils; afterwards they use brown paper with white or coloured chalks; then later they draw with lead pencils in plain drawing books. The drawings are, of course, connected with the subject of the week's lessons, and are done with as few lines as possible to obtain the necessary result. The teacher who cannot draw well is at a disadvantage with these children, for, besides having to draw copies of animals and objects for them, she should be able to illustrate all her lessons by rapid blackboard sketches—a method of teaching which is of the greatest value with mentally-deficient children. When possible things are drawn either from the object or from life, so that the children can form a mental picture of the thing as a whole, and obtain an idea of the details of the outline. This is also a most valuable aid in the training of the eyesight and in the formation of the habit of observing as well as merely seeing. Last term we proved the success of this method. We held occasional competitions in different subjects, and when the drawing competition came off the children were told to draw from memory any two of a given list of flowers that they had drawn during the past three months. They were given brown paper and told to choose their own chalks. The boy who gained the first prize chose to draw a daffodil and a narcissus, the second prize boy chose a daffodil and a lily of the valley, and the third prize boy chose a snowdrop and a daffodil, and in each case we were delighted at the correctness of detail in the work done."

In the small class of senior boys there are two teachers, one of whom, Mr. Vere, is the drill, gymnastic, and band-master ; and the other, Mr. Gallaway, is the master-printer. These teachers attend school alternately. The pupils are either private patients, or occupied on the half-time system. Many of these youths have made excellent progress. One of them thus testifies to his own attainments :

“ Mr. Bond gives me to understand that I am expelled from basket-making. I shall be very sorry indeed if such is the case, now that I have got on so nicely for the last three years or so, and am likely to improve yet. Not that I wish to boast or flatter myself the least, but I do not think there is another patient in the Institution that has made as much progress as I have both at my trade and in school, especially in arithmetic. I quite understand why I have been expelled is on account of the sloping way into the new Workshops. I could manage very well to enter in at the bottom door. Trusting you will give this your kind consideration. Awaiting your reply.”

I am the recipient of many little notes from our patients, and to some of them it is not always convenient to give immediate attention. I attach great importance to the teaching of reading and writing in our schools, and the ability to correspond with relatives at home gives reciprocal delight.

I have sometimes told our teachers that, however hard their difficulties may be, they are “ trifles light as air ” to those described in Helen Keller’s “ Story of my Life,” which is the record of victory over physical disabilities greater even, in some respects, than those of Laura Bridgman, so vividly described by Charles Dickens in his “ American Notes.” An attentive perusal of Helen Keller’s book could not fail to have a stimulating effect upon the ingenuity, energy and patience of our teachers, and I only wish each of them could possess a copy.

Extract from
an American
Report.

In concluding my reference to our schools, I should like to quote a paragraph from Dr. Barr’s interesting and thoughtful report, given in the “ Fiftieth Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children ” :

“ It has been advanced that our schools are unpractical, and that narrow utilitarianism sounding through 1900 years questions now of us, ‘ To what purpose is this waste ? ’ We answer that in teaching music, drawing, colour, etc., we are not making artists ; we are waking up boys and girls. If by any attractive means we have caught the wandering eye and taught it not alone to see but to look—as we teach the ear to listen, the hand to dexterously follow a controlled will, and to keep up these processes under the influence of pleasurable emotions—we have made patent to the child latent powers, and have built up a certain degree of self-hood and self-reliance which he carries along with him into various other occupations. When we

have thus evoked the whole power of the whole being, then, and not till then, may power be directed into one channel. On this underlying principle the school works, and it does study the child in that environment which experience has proven best suited to his development, and gradually prepares him, chiefly through the medium of hand-crafts, for a definite end. If this be not practical, then we do not know the meaning of the word."

I now pass on to report briefly upon our industrial occupations. With our new Industrial Schools and Workshops, which we owe to the generosity of Mr. Herbert L. Storey, the present High Sheriff of Lancashire, we may reasonably expect to make great strides in this department in the coming year. In the past we have been sorely handicapped with the old shops, which have been small, ill-lighted, and badly ventilated. The new workshops will compare favourably with those of any similar Institution. It must be remembered that the wants of the Institution in the several trades are largely supplied by our shops. Nine boys have been employed in the tailors' shop, 8 in the shoe shop, 6 in the basket-making shop, 5 in the brush-making shop and 7 in mat-making, 8 in the joiners' and cabinet-making shop, 15 in the hair-teasing and mattress-making shop. In addition, 7 work in the bakehouse, and many are employed in shoe-cleaning, wood-work, laundry-work, and store, kitchen and dairy-work. In outdoor occupations, 8 work in the farm-yard, 13 in the fields, and 16 in the gardens and grounds.

Industrial
Occupations :
Workshops,
&c.

The trade-instructors and assistants are kind, steady, intelligent men, most of whom have been engaged in the shops for many years, and their pupils do them great credit in the kind of work they are able to turn out. In the past, the instructors may have been too much absorbed in the duties of foremen, and it is probably desirable that more time should be given to actual instruction and demonstration. It is not enough to tell such pupils what they have to do, but they must be repeatedly shown and closely followed.

I am still strongly in favour of outdoor work for many of our patients. It is better suited to their limited capacities, it is better for them physically, and that way lies their future means of helping to support themselves; but in our variable climate there are many days when such work cannot be performed, and as it is pernicious for an imbecile to be absolutely idle it is well to have other alternative kinds of occupation, which in our new workshops and new school arrangements we now happily possess.

Outdoor
Occupations.

Drill.

The Drill and Gymnastic Classes—to which we attach much importance—are regularly conducted. 311 boys and girls are under training. 20 boys do military drill and musical exercises under Chief-Attendant Bond, who was formerly a drum-major in the army; and 94 do Swedish Drill under Mr. Vere.

Correspondence with ex-Patients.

We like to keep up correspondence with our ex-patients whenever the opportunity offers, and I think the following letters will be of interest to the Committee and Subscribers.

One of our ex-patients, admitted in 1892 and discharged in 1899, enlisted into the army. He was a bright boy, and had improved very much before he left. He worked in our joiners' shop, though he did not seem to care very much for his trade and wanted to return home. Hearing that he had become a soldier, I wrote to his father, and received the following letter :

"We think it very kind of you in writing and acknowledging my son George. We thought it very hard of him to do as he has done, after being such a long time with you, but now we think it is the best thing he could have done, and I hope you will please write to him." J. T. B.

I have had some correspondence with George, who was stationed at Malta, and he sent me a book of pretty views of the island. I quote his letter accompanying the book :

"MALTA, November 30th, 1903.

"Dear Sir,

"I write these few lines in answer to your welcome letter that I received a few days ago. I thank you very much for the postal order, and I will never forget what a friend thinks about a soldier. There is strong rumour going about barracks that one half-battalion is going to Crete, but I do not take much notice of it, for as soon as my draft landed they told us that we would not be here long. When it comes out in orders I will write at once and tell you all. The weather is very cold and windy, for we live against the sea coast. You will have an idea what sort of place it is, for I send you views of Malta, and I have put a X against the place where our barracks are. So I now close this letter with my best love to one and all.

Yours truly,

G. B."

This is the third case I have known of our ex-patients who, having greatly gained in intelligence as well as physical vigour, have joined the army and done well under its discipline. It will be remembered that at the Anniversary Festival in 1901, when the Ashton Wing was opened, a brass tablet was unveiled, in the Entrance Hall of the Asylum, to the memory of William John Brannan, an ex-patient, who, while serving in the Boer War as a trooper of the 13th Hussars, died of enteric fever after being at the relief of Ladysmith.

Many improvements have been effected during the last two or three years. The Asylum, the Ashton Wing, the Rodgett Infirmary, and the Storey Home have been lighted by electricity ; a complete system of telephonic communication with all the principal departments has been established, also a system of fire alarms ; a new six-inch fire main has been laid from the entrance to the grounds to and around the Asylum ; electric fans have been placed in the schools and some of the large dormitories ; an external fire-escape staircase has been erected at the south-east angle of the Asylum, from which egress might otherwise have been very difficult ; and extensive sanitary alterations in the lavatories, involving a very heavy cost, have been made. There are still some lavatories which require to be done, and the outside earth-closets would be better and more sanitary were they converted into water-closets. One or two additional escape staircases are also needed, as advised by the Lunacy Commissioners. The asphaltting of the two airing courts should be taken in hand now that the new drains and electric-cables have been laid.

Improve-
ments
Effected or
still Required

One of the most urgent needs is the renewal of much of the laundry machinery. Some of the present machines are worn out, and there is great destruction of linen and clothing going on, which is very wasteful. These machines have been in use for nearly 30 years, and have undergone many repairs. A small sub-committee was appointed to investigate this matter, and reported : " At the present time some of the old machines are so old and out of order that there is a distressing amount of tearing in the course of laundry processes, which gives rise to much trouble and loss in the Institution. We think that, as soon as funds permit, the laundry should be thoroughly overhauled, and some of the best and most useful modern machinery introduced." I receive frequent complaints from members of the staff, as well as from the Matron, the linen-room, and the wardrobes, but I am glad to say that since this paragraph was written the Central Committee have authorised the necessary renewals.

Profiting by the experience of other Institutions, I have prepared a code of Fire Rules, which is now in the hands of the principal officials. There is still much in the organisation of the Institution which I think I could improve had I only the necessary time and opportunity.

Fire Rules.

The Christmas festivities passed off with more than the usual amount of rejoicing. From friends far and near came presents of fruit, toys, dolls, and other things dear to the heart of childhood at this happy season ; and we also received

Christmas
Festivities.

sums of money from friends who did not know what to select as their gifts. These presents—with what came from “home”—caused great excitement, and, with the fare the Committee provided, made the time pass merrily. The giant Christmas trees were eagerly anticipated, and still keener was the delight when the night arrived for them to be lit up and the fruit plucked and distributed. By the kind permission of Mr. George Dance, of London, there were three performances of “A Country Girl,” a musical play. All the *dramatis personae* were members of the staff, and the orchestral accompaniments were given by the Asylum band. Mr. Vere, teacher and drill-master, acted as conductor; Mr. James Nickson, deputy chief-attendant, was stage manager; and Miss Bolton was pianiste. One of the scenes was painted by John Berry, an ex-pupil. These operatic performances, which have been given with success at Christmas time for several years past reflect great credit upon Dr. Douglas, the Resident Medical Officer, under whose immediate direction they are produced. The members of the staff who act in these plays deserve much praise for their self-denying toil. As Christmas is otherwise an exceptionally busy time, it is just a question whether too great a strain is not put upon their zeal and strength, and upon the energies of those who have to substitute them in ordinary duties.

These entertainments have sustained a great loss by the emigration of the nurse-teacher, Miss Harriet Hill, to New Zealand, with members of her family. She always acted her parts with much skill and animation, and having a pleasant voice she participated, with great acceptance, in our weekly concerts. The best wishes of the staff have gone with her to her new home. She had been in the service of the Institution for ten years. Here I may mention the loss of another valued member of the staff, Nurse Clara Naylor, who, after 12 years' service, has left to pay a long visit to her mother in the United States. Miss Naylor had charge of a department of feeble young girls, to whom she was devotedly attached.

Entertain-
ments by
Friends.

On the 25th of January the patients and staff were entertained by a capital lantern lecture on “Palestine,” by Mr. Councillor Till, of Lancaster, when the lantern was manipulated by Mr. Councillor Kirkby. On Monday, December 7th, Mr. Geo. E. Moser, of Kendal, the Hon. Secretary of the Westmorland Committee and a member of the Central Committee, gave a delightful lecture on “Japan,” illustrated by numerous coloured slides shown by Mr. A. B. S. Welch, of Lancaster. Both lectures were



STAGE IN THE WINMARLEIGH HALL.

thoroughly enjoyed, and were heartily applauded. Mr. Moser kindly supplied the patients with buns and apples in the intervals of his lecture. The assistance of all these gentlemen was most gratefully appreciated by Dr. Douglas and myself. Mr. Moser faced a stormy winter night, and came a long distance to give an hour or two's enjoyment to our feeble-minded young folks.

I desire to express my grateful acknowledgments to my esteemed friend and colleague, Dr. Douglas, the Resident Medical Officer, from whom I have always received loyal co-operation officially, and much personal kindness and sympathy. I wish also to refer to Dr. Coupland, the Assistant Medical Officer, who is ever ready to undertake any work likely to benefit the patients or the staff, and who shows an earnest, intelligent interest in all that affects the welfare of the Institution. I must not omit to mention the Matron, Miss Siviour, who continues to discharge arduous duties conscientiously but without friction, and in a kind, motherly way. She is well supported by her assistant, Miss Bowyer. To Mr. Macdonald, the Steward and Storekeeper, much of the smooth and efficient working of his department is due. I again express my sincere obligations to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Keir, Mr. Sutcliffe, and the others in my office, who have been with me many years, for their earnest and unremitting labours. Indeed to the staff generally, but especially to its senior members, I wish to give my sincere thanks for attention to their duties and for ready compliance with my instructions.

Acknowledgments.

I cannot conclude this Report without again thanking the Chairman and Members of the Central Committee for the great support, kindness, and courtesy, which they have invariably extended to me during so many years. It is inevitable that, having entered upon the fortieth year of my service, and with the continual extension of the Asylum, my work and responsibilities should become more burdensome, but while I have health and strength vouchsafed to me I shall do all I can to promote, under the same sympathetic auspices, the prosperity of the Royal Albert Asylum, and I trust the Committee will be inclined to look with indulgence upon my shortcomings.

Conclusion.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES DIGGENS,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

Table of
Numerical
Changes.

I have the honour to present the Report of the Resident Medical Officer for the year ending June 30th, 1904. The numerical changes which have occurred with respect to the patients will be found in the subjoined table :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1903	398	192	590
Admitted... ..	49	43	92
Discharged	34	10	44
Died	7	5	12
Aggregate number under treatment	447	235	682
Average	403	207	610
Maximum number resident on any one day	416	212	628
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1904	406	220	626

Admissions

The number of patients admitted to the Institution during the past year is 92, and although many have been up to the usual average of intelligence there have been others who were not so bright, who were delicate, and a few who have developed epilepsy. One poor lad, very shortly after his reception here, became insane ; this was an instance of those cases of over-pressure at school with which we sometimes meet. We found that he was well educated and seemed to have a special aptitude for languages, being well up in both Latin and French ; his history, however, plainly shewed that his mental functions had been unstable for some time before he came to us ; soon he developed symptoms common to all examples of this particular type, and had to be discharged. Each group admitted were quarantined for the usual period of fourteen days in the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary. On every occasion the weather fortunately was fine, and the patients were able to be out of doors most of the time. There was no case of

illness during isolation, and the quarantine arrangements were satisfactorily carried out. We have, however, experienced the same difficulties as in the previous year, in that the dates fixed for admission had to be postponed on account of outbreaks of infectious disease from time to time. The only accommodation we have at present for cases of this kind is the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary, and disappointing delays in the reception of new patients have more than once been occasioned by one or two mild cases of chicken-pox or measles. With the view of overcoming this difficulty in future, the Central Committee have decided to erect a "Reception House," where the new cases can be admitted at any time without putting extra strain upon the general resources of the Institution. This new building will also supply another long felt want by providing sleeping accommodation for the nurses on duty on the lower floor of the Rodgett Infirmary or hospital proper, who at present occupy bedrooms on the upper floor or isolation department. When cases of infectious disease were warded there, we experienced constant anxiety for fear of its being communicated to the infirmary wards below by these nurses. The upper floor will be reserved solely for the isolation of patients suffering from infectious diseases; the nurses in charge, both on day and night duty, will sleep there; and all communication will thereby be effectually cut off from the lower floor.

During the period covered by this report 44 patients have been discharged. The following table indicates the various degrees of improvement attained, and the numbers in each group :—

	M.	F.	Total.	Degrees of Improvement.
Much improved	8	4	12	
Moderately improved	5	2	7	
Slightly improved	13	2	15	
Not improved	8	2	10	
Total ...	34	10	44	

It will be seen from this statement that only ten patients failed to benefit by their term of residence. I ought, perhaps, to say that every one of them was hampered very seriously in one way or another, and improvement in them was hardly to be expected. Twelve were much improved, and would do well away from the Asylum, could sympathetic and intelligent supervision be secured for them. Those who are fortunate enough to possess relations who take a real and practical interest in their welfare get along satisfactorily, and are enabled, by help and encouragement, to play their small

part in the world fairly creditably. Some patients who had completed their term and had greatly improved, were retained in order to afford them the opportunity for still further improvement. Several ex-patients (males) have been kept on at a small wage as employees of the Asylum, acting as assistants in different departments, and so far they have justified our retention of them in their new capacity. One boy who has been discharged during the past year is remaining as messenger in the Principal's Office, and gives every promise of doing well. I regret to report that two males have been discharged insane, one was the case of which mention has already been made, and the other was a lad who had been here for a number of years, but latterly began to give trouble by wandering away from the Institution, being at times violent, and threatening to commit suicide.

Deaths.

I am glad to be able to report a considerable reduction in the death-rate during the past year. Seven males and five females have died, representing a rate of 1.96 per cent., calculated on the average number resident, and of 1.75 per cent. on the aggregate number under care. This forms a striking contrast to the death-rate of the previous year, and is due to several conditions, not the least among which was the mildness of the influenza with which we were visited during the winter. We had comparatively few cases, of which nearly all did well. During the years ending June 30th, 1902 and 1903, the Asylum suffered from two of the severest epidemics of this disease known in its history, and nearly half of the number of deaths recorded were directly or indirectly caused by it.

Causes of Death.

The subjoined table shews the causes of death and the number certified under each heading:—

					Males.	Females.	Total.
Epilepsy	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Chronic Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	2	0	2
Phthisis	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Abcess of Kidney	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Pleuro Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	0	2	2
TOTAL					7	5	12

The general health of the patients has, on the whole, been good, and the sanitary condition of the Institution has been much improved by the radical alterations made by replacing the obsolete lavatory and w.c. fittings by the most modern appliances. This work is now nearly completed

and to it I attribute much of the improvement in our bill of health. The substitution of the electric light for gas has done a great deal towards maintaining a purer atmosphere in the rooms and dormitories during the night. With a view to ensuring proper circulation of fresh air in the above and in the schoolrooms, the Central Committee ordered extraction fans driven by electric motors to be placed where needed, and the results have already been all that could be desired, an imperceptible but efficient current of fresh air being secured without a draught being caused.

Cases of infectious disease have been rather more numerous than usual, but I am glad to report that enteric fever has only occurred in one instance. With regard to the other varieties of infectious disorder they have been of a uniformly mild type, and uncomplicated recovery has been the rule. In an Institution like this, where the preponderating number of the inmates are children, we cannot expect immunity from the ordinary infectious maladies of childhood when these are prevalent in the district. The appended table shews the diseases which have occurred and the number of patients attacked:—

Infectious Diseases.

					Males.	Females.	Total.	
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	4
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	1	0	...	1
Measles...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	8
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	2	9	...	11
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	1	0	...	1
TOTAL					12	13	25	

The subject of tuberculosis has again had the serious attention of the Central Committee, in particular with respect to its curative treatment by the "Open Air" system. Through the courtesy of the Chairman and Dr. Paget-Tomlinson, the Principal and I had the privilege of inspecting the excellent institution at Meathop, and we were both impressed by the evident improvement of the patients who were in residence there at the time of our visit. The question of our adoption of the "Open Air" system of cure was after long and careful consideration deemed impossible of application here except in a considerably modified form, and this view is held not only by ourselves, but also by the Managers of the kindred Institutions. Broadly speaking, the means taken for the out-door treatment of the sane consumptive is, in the vast majority of instances, impossible of attainment in the case of a tubercular imbecile whose limited intelligence precludes him from realising either the existence of his

Tuberculosis.

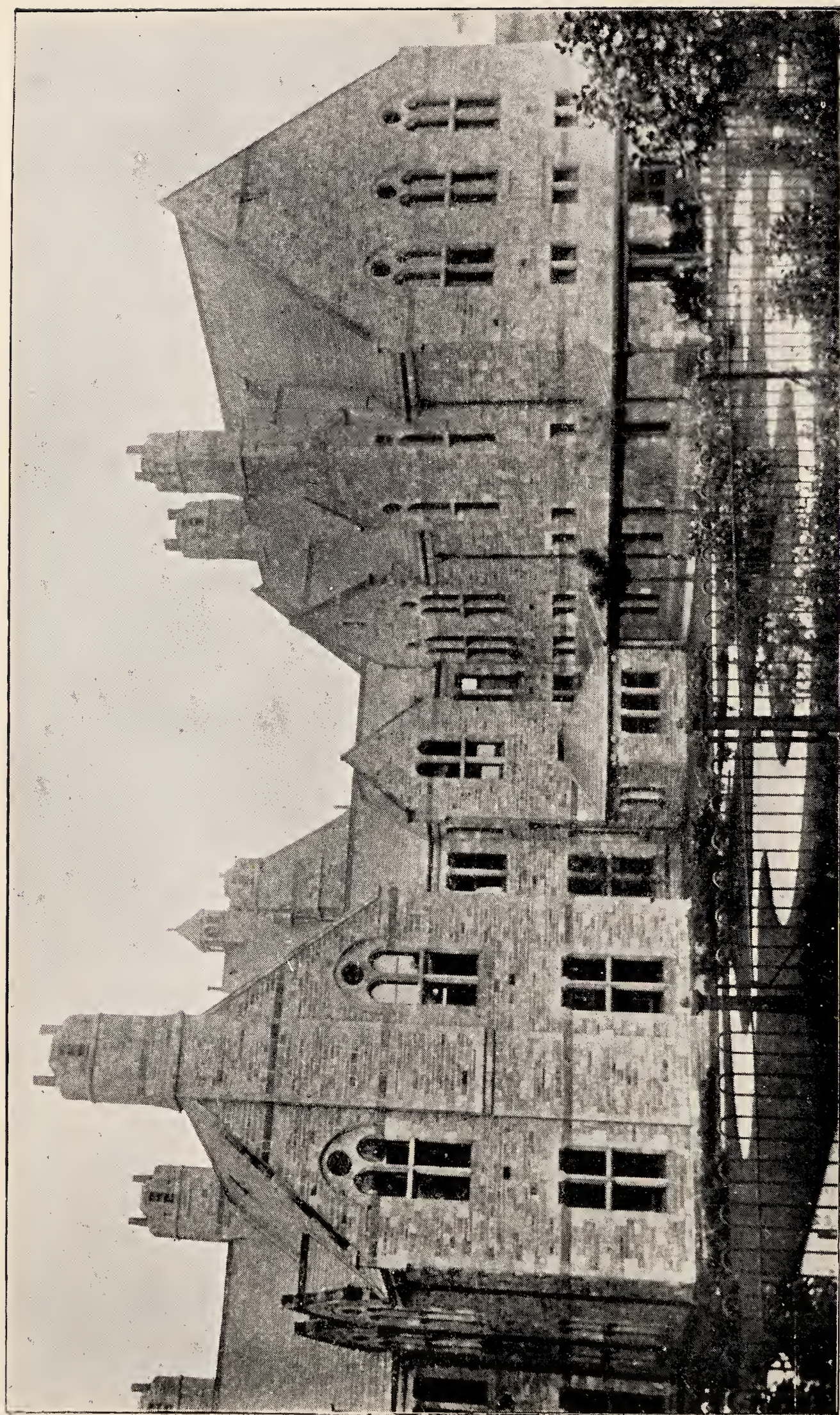
malady or the method taken for its amelioration; consequently the co-operation rendered by amenability to treatment is not forthcoming, and the nett result would possibly be detrimental to the patient. In the first place, it would be imperative to make a judicious selection of cases suitable for undergoing this form of "cure." The great majority of the children here bear cold very badly, and another consideration that we should have to remember would be their degree of intelligence; it would be impossible, without considerable extra expense for increased staff, to attempt to treat low-grade cases in this way. Secondly, the employment of the "Open Air" system here would have to depend almost entirely upon favourable meteorological conditions. I am convinced that nothing but a serious, if not fatal, result would accrue to the strongest of our patients were they exposed to inclement wintry weather; we must not forget that varying degrees of physical weakness go hand in hand with the mental defect. Their cardiac and entire vascular apparatus is feeble and imperfect, and for this reason minor ailments, like an ordinary common catarrh, have sometimes far-reaching effects. A very constant feature in those who are mentally feeble is restlessness, and it would be a formidable difficulty to keep many patients from uncovering themselves or continually getting out of bed; faulty habits, too, would necessitate more or less frequent and unavoidable risk of exposure to chill. The Central Committee, anxious to give a modified form of the "Open Air" treatment a fair trial, have sanctioned the tentative application of it in a few chalets, and this will be begun as soon as those which have been promised by generous friends come to hand. I ought perhaps to report that all the patients in the Asylum have been examined by the Assistant Medical Officer and myself for incipient phthisis or other form of tubercular disease likely to benefit from the "Open Air" method, and the number was found to be too small to justify the Committee making provision for them by the erection of a large Sanatorium. Our experience here goes indubitably to show that nearly all cases of pulmonary consumption, once the disease becomes established, are acute ones, and are rapidly fatal; it would seem that its course as heretofore treated is incapable of even temporary arrest in any degree. The tubercular predisposition may be inherited, and some of our patients may enter the Institution with the seeds of consumption already within them. The wisdom of the Central Committee in including tubercular disease amongst other disqualifications for admission will have a really practical

effect in lessening the number of cases of it here, and I think, too, in materially reducing our death rate in time. With regard to other means likely to diminish the tendency of our inmates to pulmonary and tubercular troubles, it is well-known that proper ventilation (which must stop short of draughts), open-air exercise, suitable food and clothing, are all important, and due attention is being paid to securing efficiency in these respects. We do not believe in "coddling" the patients, but at the same time their degree of resistance to disease must be borne in mind, and its limit recognised and respected.

The number of patients suffering from epilepsy resident in the Asylum during the year has, I regret to say, considerably increased. There are 83 on the books, while no fewer than 103 have been under treatment during that time, including 26 who have become epileptic. Careful analysis of the histories of the latter revealed the occurrence of attacks in either infancy, childhood, or a few years before admission to the Institution, in nearly half of them. The exciting cause of the disease in the other half is in some instances obscure, in others excitement or peripheral irritation; for example, an over-loaded stomach will cause an epileptic fit. An instance of this occurred only the other day when a little boy was taken out for a few hours by his parents; shortly after he returned, he had a severe fit which was followed by others, and he was found to have been literally gorged with indigestible food. I am sorry to have to express suspicion of previous attacks in several instances in which no mention of such was made in the admission forms. I think I need only cite the case of a girl who had a fit within twenty-four hours of her arrival and without any apparent cause. I do not suggest that direct misrepresentation was made; still I cannot help feeling convinced that often this and other conditions exist, the presence of which might be elicited or discovered were the candidates seen before admission by the Principal and myself. We do not object to the numerous euphemistic terms sometimes used to describe previous epilepsy on the admission forms, such as "giddy turns," "slight faints," etc. To these we have been long accustomed; but as the number of patients suffering from this disease has been steadily increasing for the last three or four years, we must very shortly employ some effectual means in order to reduce this number of epileptics to one commensurate with the accommodation available for them. We have always been averse to extreme measures, and therefore our task will not be an easy one; but

Epilepsy.

the following system, if rigidly adhered to, should in time relieve the congestion of the epileptic department. In the first place, as careful a selection as possible ought to be made of candidates who have previously had fits; these cases should be seen by the Principal and myself, and the parents or guardians interrogated. Secondly, in the event of a patient already in residence having a fit, followed by others in a short space of time, the discharge of a case of this kind should be insisted upon; and if this took effect after three months' probation there could be no hardship to the relations or friends. Mr. Diggins and myself are strongly of opinion that if all candidates could be seen by us, whose past history was not quite satisfactory, much trouble to ourselves and disappointment to others would be prevented. We are fully aware that the occurrence of one fit by no means constitutes a permanent epileptic; but if the initial seizure be followed by others at short intervals, then there is not much doubt as to the nature of the case. The retention of a large number of epileptics in this Institution is incompatible with the objects for which it was originally intended. These were the training and education of the Feeble Minded. It was never meant to serve the purpose of a Custodial Asylum or Home of Refuge for Imbeciles of low grade, or the unfortunate victims of chronic epilepsy. From the increasing numbers of applications for the admission of epileptic cases which are continually reaching us, I must again beg leave to state, for the information of those who are ignorant of our conditions of admission, that epileptics are not eligible for reception into this Institution, and that the Ashton Wing is solely intended for the accommodation of patients who have become epileptic during their term of training here; and even these should not be retained for more than three months from the time their epilepsy became confirmed. We still find that an open-air life for epileptics is the best possible environment for them; when the weather permits they do light work in the grounds, assisting the gardeners, weeding, etc.; they are always under close supervision, and are well within the reach of medical assistance should necessity for this suddenly arise. Beyond palliative measures no advance has been made in the medicinal treatment of this disease; and at the present time, all that can be done is to ensure for such cases a quiet, uneventful, routine life, free from excitement, together with scrupulous attention to their dietary. Two patients have died from epilepsy during the year. The table appended gives a record of the actual number of fits which have occurred during the past twelve months:—



THE ASHTON WING.

SUMMARY OF EPILEPTIC FITS, YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1904.

Class.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Total
Senior Boys	322	215	160	245	217	280	144	330	248	238	273	249	2921
Junior Boys	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	9	16	59	43	4	138
Girls... .	66	94	109	114	96	99	81	105	102	75	139	177	1257
Total ...	388	309	270	360	314	381	227	444	366	372	455	430	4316

Table of
Epileptic Fits.

Before leaving this subject, I must again place on record the great usefulness of the Ashton Wing, and the improvement of the general health of the patients who are domiciled there. But for its existence we could not possibly have coped adequately with the difficulties attending the retention of such a large number of epileptic and feeble cases.

Usefulness
of the
Ashton Wing.

The Rodgett Infirmary has again proved its great value by the accommodation and facilities it provides for the treatment of the sick. Its general usefulness will be much enhanced when we are able to use its upper floor exclusively for the isolation of patients suffering from infectious diseases, as was originally intended when it was added to the existing structure. The old earth closets have been removed from the lower floor and replaced by modern conveniences, thus effecting a marked improvement in the sanitation of the entire building. I regret to say that we have again had changes in the Staff. Miss Coulter, who was appointed Nurse-Matron in January, 1903, resigned her post in February last, and left in March. She was succeeded by Miss Helen Rasey, who entered upon her duties on March 31st. I am glad to report that Miss Rasey has not only performed her duties in a very satisfactory manner generally, but has shown considerable tact and discretion in the management of her subordinates.

The Rodgett
Infirmary.

Those patients who are physically able are encouraged as much as possible in open-air exercise, and the Victoria Walk, as well as the paths in the grounds, continues to be regularly used in fine weather, as is the gymnastic apparatus in the playfield. The feeble ones are carried out, and sit in their chairs in shady corners, and in very fine weather the Infirmary patients are taken out into the grounds in their beds, and thus spend the greater part of the day out of doors. In winter, games of football are played by the stronger boys, and in summer, cricket, while the Asylum Band performs a selection of music in the Pavilion for an hour in the afternoon.

Open-air
Exercise.

Entertain-
ments.

The indoor entertainments during the winter months have been regularly held in the Winmarleigh Hall, and have consisted of concerts, dances, and Christy Minstrels. At Christmas the musical play "A Country Girl" was given three times and was thoroughly enjoyed by the patients. The Christmas Trees were again liberally supplied, and keen was the anticipation and great the delight when the time came for the distribution of the gifts.

Annual
Pic-nic.

The annual pic-nic to Cockersand Abbey took place on August 18th. About 146 patients were driven there in wagonettes, accompanied by the Asylum Band. The weather was fortunately fine and sunny, and all returned safely in the early evening after having spent a very enjoyable day by the sea shore.

Acknowledg-
ments.

In conclusion, it is again my privilege to offer my best thanks to the respected Principal and Secretary for the renewed kindness and help which he has once more extended to me throughout our official relationship. Mr. Diggins is to be congratulated upon the completion of the Institution's fortieth annual report—few are permitted to see such extensive development of their earlier labours as is manifested by the steady growth and signal success of the Royal Albert Asylum.

To my worthy colleague, Dr. Wm. H. Coupland, the able Assistant Medical Officer, I am again much indebted for his loyal and cordial co-operation and valuable aid in many respects.

Conclusion.

To the Central Committee I most respectfully beg to tender my gratitude for the uniform courtesy, consideration, and support received during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARCHIBALD R. DOUGLAS,

Resident Medical Officer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

I have the honour to report that I have made a full and careful examination of the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum for the year ending 30th June, 1904, that proper vouchers for all payments have been produced to me, and that the accompanying Balance Sheets contain true abstracts of the receipts and payments. The books have been kept with neatness and accuracy, and the results have been brought out very clearly.

In Maintenance Account, the Subscribers will notice that decreases in Donations and Annual Subscriptions have been more than covered by increases in Payments for Patients and Interest on Investments. On the expenditure side of this account, an increase of twenty in the average number of patients has been attended by a net increase in working charges of £458 10s. 11d.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has received the sum of £1,750 by transfer from Maintenance Account, and an expenditure of £9,429 17s. has been made chiefly on an Installation of the Electric Light, and on Sanitary and other Improvements.

The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools Account appears for the first time. A donation of £5,250 has been received from Mr. H. L. Storey. Expenditure has been £6,837 os. 6d., leaving a balance of £1,587 os. 6d. to be liquidated.

The Sustentation Fund Account has received Legacies amounting to £2,700, and a Life Interest Payment of £1,350, and these amounts have been invested. In company with Mr. S. Satterthwaite, as Honorary Auditor, I have examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and found them in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH, AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1903,

Receipts.												£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank. June 30th, 1903															1,977	17	0
,, Donations												345	11	5			
,, Legacies under Fifty Guineas												100	0	0			
,, Annual Subscriptions												4,081	13	7			
,, Payments for Patients												11,993	15	6			
,, Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments												5,541	1	10			
(Including £12 rcs. 4d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift.")																	
,, Interest on Bank Deposits												79	10	2			
,, Rent												235	1	0			
,, Sundries												195	8	10			
															22,572	2	4
, Farm Produce { Supplied to the Asylum... £3,709 15 1																	
{ Sold 238 9 0																	
												£3,948	4	1			
Less General Farm Expenses and																	
cost of Stock, Provender, &c. ... 3,264 18 2																	
												£683	5	11			
															683	5	11

£25,233 5 3

Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—16th September, 1904.
A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
S. SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1904.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting and Quinquennial Festival at Lancaster, Meeting at Chester, Opening the Storey Industrial Schools, and of Local Committees, &c.	220	8	10			
„ Expenses of Election at Chester... ..	48	6	9			
„ Printing 5,330 Thirty-ninth Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	274	9	6			
„ General Advertising	26	5	7			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists, Voting Papers, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.	113	6	0			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries... ..	122	12	3			
				805	8	11
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £939 7s. 11d. } Expenses { Asylum £7,435 17s. 11d. }	8,375	5	10			
„ Provisions ... { Purchased £2,432 18s. 4d. } { From Farm... .. £3,709 15s. 1d. } { From Garden £195 6s. 7d. }	6,338	0	0			
„ Necessaries: Coals	2,004	15	0			
Gas	231	10	5			
Water... ..	300	9	8			
General	280	1	3			
„ Clothing	1,302	17	0			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	144	16	1			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery	32	8	8			
„ Asylum Postage	9	6	7			
„ Insurance	100	14	0			
„ Maintenance Sundries	706	0	0			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..	1,079	11	6			
„ Building Sundries	13	4	10			
„ Furniture: General	138	3	8			
Ironmongery	17	12	7			
Bedding... ..	181	3	7			
House Linen	28	0	8			
Crockery and Sundries	47	8	1			
				21,331	9	5
„ Property Expenses				57	2	1
„ Bank Commission, &c.				35	10	7
„ Grounds and Garden Expenses £424 19 6						
Less value of Produce:						
Supplied to the Asylum ... £195 6 7						
Sold 1 11 5						
	196	18	0			
	£228	1	6			
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account				228	1	6
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1904				1,750	0	0
				1,025	12	9
				£25,233	5	3

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1903,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1903	10,477	5	0
„ Bank Interest	109	11	0
„ Maintenance Account	1,750	0	0

Audited and found correct.—16th September, 1904.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

S. SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£12,336 16 0

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1903,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1903				1,380	10	0
„ Legacies	2,700	0	0			
„ Life Interest Payment	1,350	0	0			
				4,050	0	0

Audited and found correct.—16th September, 1904.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

S. SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£5,430 10 0

THE HERBERT STOREY INDUSTRIAL

Dr.

From January 1st, 1903,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Donation from Herbert L. Storey, Esq.	5,250	0	0
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1904	1,587	0	6

Audited and found correct.—16th September, 1904.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

S. SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£6,837 0 6

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1904.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Electric Installation	6,944	7	1
„ Sanitary Alterations	1,538	6	8
„ Emergency Staircase... ..	351	8	0
„ New Water Main	300	15	3
„ Calorifier and Heating Pipes	261	8	3
„ New Shippon at Farm	20	4	0
„ Bank Commission	13	7	9
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1904	2,906	19	0
	£12,336	16	0

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1904.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investment:—						
£3,478 North Eastern Railway Guaranteed Stock ;						
Interest at 4 per cent.	4,327	17	6			
				4,327	17	6
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1904				1,102	12	6
				£5,430	10	0

SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS ACCOUNT.

to June 30th, 1904.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Builder (Robert Thompson)	6,450	0	0
„ Architects' Commission	300	0	0
„ Fittings... ..	84	2	0
„ Extra Painting	2	18	6
	£6,837	0	6

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1902-03.		1903-04.		EXPENDITURE.	1902-03.		1903-04.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Average No. of Patients 590.		Average No. of Patients 610.			Average No. of Patients 590.		Average No. of Patients 610.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Donations	622	15 6	345	11 5	Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Festivals (1903-4), of Public Meetings, and of Local Committees, &c.....	179	14 6	220	8 10	40	14 4
Legacies under Fifty Guineas ..	4233	4 5	4081	13 7	Election Expenses	46	9 10	48	6 9	1	16 11
Annual Subscriptions	11396	2 10	11993	15 6	Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, & General Printing & Stationery	222	10 9	274	9 6	51	18 9
Payments for Patients	5149	18 6	5541	1 10	General Advertisising.....	39	4 3	26	5 7		
Interest on Sustentation Fund	88	19 3	79	10 2	General Postage	97	6 11	113	6 0	15	19 1
Investments	233	6 6	235	1 0	Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rent, Rates, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	124	7 1	122	12 3		
Interest on Bank Deposits	239	11 6	195	8 10	Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	831	2 1	8375	5 10	64	3 9
Rent	420	17 3	683	5 11	Provisions	6119	8 8	6338	0 0	218	11 4
Sundries					NECESSARIES :- Coals.....	1782	12 11	2004	15 0	222	2 1
Farm (Value of Produce, less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c.)					Gas	345	13 10	231	10 5		
					Water	275	5 2	300	9 8	25	4 6
					General	290	0 9	280	1 3		
					Clothing	1249	14 10	1302	17 0	53	2 2
					Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c..	163	2 11	144	16 1		
					Insurance.....	98	11 0	100	14 0	2	3 0
					Sundries	707	0 7	747	15 3	40	14 8
					Workshops, Repairs, &c.	736	14 6	1079	11 6	342	17 0
					Building Sundries.....	17	6 9	13	4 10		
					FURNITURE :-General	194	2 2	138	3 8		
					Ironmongery	39	13 0	17	12 7		
					Bedding	246	14 9	181	3 7		
					House Linen	16	4 8	28	0 8	11	16 0
					Crockery & Sundries	65	19 8	47	8 1		
					Property Expenses	355	3 7	57	2 1		
					Bank Interest, Commission, &c.	43	0 6	35	10 7		
					Grounds and Garden Expenses, less value of Produce	221	15 11	228	1 6	6	5 7
					Estate and Buildings Improvement Account.....			1750	0 0	1750	0 0
NET INCREASE £870 12s. 6d.	22384	15 9	23255	8 3	NET INCREASE £2218 10s. 11d.	21989	1 7	24207	12 6	2847	9 2
Balance at beginning of year..	1582	2 10	1977	17 0	Balance at end of year	1977	17 0	1025	12 9		
	23966	18 7	25233	5 3		23966	18 7	25233	5 3		

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions),

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										Donations.			Annual Sub- scriptions.		
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36348	15	8	238	17	6
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11728	2	11	363	3	6
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11205	17	0	427	13	2
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10452	9	11	285	7	6
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9262	2	8	22	11	6
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7312	2	4	157	13	0
WESTMORLAND (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6533	0	0	200	18	3
HALIFAX (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5705	15	0	399	3	5
LEEDS (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5687	5	8	144	18	0
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5657	8	2	296	16	3
CHESHIRE (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5389	2	11	465	15	9
SHEFFIELD (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3494	19	1	85	3	6
OLDHAM (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3310	5	0	36	17	0
YORK (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2777	10	1	69	6	6
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2750	3	8	411	17	5
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2631	11	8	19	7	6
BURY (15)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2143	1	0	44	1	4
BOLTON (16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1987	11	4	100	1	6
BLACKBURN (17)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1833	15	0	7	17	6
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1590	4	11	119	11	0
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1477	12	11	13	8	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1347	7	8	41	15	6
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1281	11	8	8	8	0
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1109	8	6	27	13	0
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1042	7	1	47	13	6
WAKEFIELD (18)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	987	8	7	3	3	0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765	17	0	5	5	0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765	2	6	3	3	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	672	17	0	14	14	0
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	522	16	6	13	13	0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	387	8	6	3	13	6
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	365	13	10	4	14	6
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	12	6	4	4	0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	274	16	2	7	1	6
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	183	4	9	19	8	6

June 30th, 1904.

JAMES DIGGENS, PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £15,000 from the Right Hon. Lord Ashton; £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; £1800 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.; £1050 from H. L. Storey, Esq., and £525 from Mrs. E. Howard Dawson. In addition to the Storey donations, the late Sir Thomas Storey presented to the Institution the Storey Home for Feeble-minded Girls and Mr. H. L. Storey contributed £5,250 for the erection of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops.

- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from the late Mrs. Chas. Turner, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.; and £650 from Joseph Craven, Esq.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq.; £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £1000; and £542 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £625 from the late Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from the late John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Westmorland Donations include £1000 from the late Mrs. Bindloss, who also bequeathed a legacy of £900; £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; £768 5s. from the late Hanson Ormerod, Esq.; and £630 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (9) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £700 from the late Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt.; £525 from the late Arthur Lupton, Esq., and the late Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (10) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., Cleator; and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (11) The Cheshire Donations include £500 from the late Duke of Westminster, K G.; and £500 from the late Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton.
- (12) The Sheffield Donations include £525 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.; and an Annual Subscription of £50 from the Sheffield Town Trustees.
- (13) The Oldham Donations include £681 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from the late Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from the late Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (14) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (15) The Bury Donations include £1,050 from the late Miss Openshaw for the "John Openshaw of Irwell bed," in memory of her father, the late John Openshaw, Esq., and £50 in memory of her friend, the late Dr. de Vitre.
- (16) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (17) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (18) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT,

JUNE 30TH, 1904.

SENIOR BOYS.

A. (1825.) When admitted in October, 1895, knew only one letter, could only scribble on slate, knew a few coins, one or two colours, and a few words of the Lord's Prayer.

Now, he speaks more distinctly, reads fairly, writes fairly well, works sums in all the simple rules, tells the time correctly, knows all the coins and weights and calculates fairly, has much improved in general knowledge, knows the Lord's Prayer fairly well, and is doing well as a mat maker.

B. (1899.) When transferred from the Infant Boys' department in September, 1899, could read easy words, write fairly and add up a few easy figures. Knew a few hours and a little of the Lord's Prayer.

Now, he reads and writes well, does rather difficult dictation, works sums in the first four rules, tells the time to a minute, knows all the coins and weights and calculates fairly well in shop lesson, knows the sensations of taste, smell and touch, recognises sounds and answers intelligently in object lesson. He is a useful lad in the garden.

C. (2266.) When admitted in November, 1901, could read easy words, add up a few simple figures, knew one or two hours and a few coins, but was very deficient in general knowledge.

Now, he reads and writes well, works sums in simple rules, knows all the coins and weights and calculates fairly in shop lesson, tells the time correctly, draws fairly well, drills and marches well, has greatly improved in general intelligence, sets type and does a little printing in the printing room, and is very useful as a messenger.

D. (2339.) When admitted in September, 1902, spoke indistinctly, read easy words, could add up a few simple figures, knew a few coins, but was otherwise deficient.

Now, he speaks much better, reads well, composes and writes letters to his friends, works sums in compound rules, knows all the coins and weights and calculates fairly well in shop lesson, answers intelligently in object and sense lessons, has commenced stitching books for binding and is otherwise useful in the printing room.

GIRLS.

E. (2281.) When admitted in November, 1901, at the age of fourteen, knew letters O and A, attempted to make lines on a slate, counted a little, could hem and attempt to knit.

Can now read a second reading primer, do easy dictation, add and subtract tens, distinguish most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, answer intelligently in object lessons, tell the hours and quarters on the clock, recognise all coins and weights, do needlework, and knit and darn stockings. She is helpful in general house-work and can fold clothes in the laundry.

F. (2291.) When admitted in August, 1902, at the age of fifteen could read a first reading primer, write very badly, add tens, do plain knitting, tell a few sensations of taste, smell, and touch, and recognise a few coins. She was rather troublesome and interfering.

Can now read an ordinary school reader, write fairly, do dictation, easy composition and a letter, do sums in the first four rules, recognise all coins and weights and calculate a little, tell the time to five minutes, tell most sensations of taste, smell and touch, and measure with a ruler, answer well in object and other lessons, hem, knit and darn stockings, and do book stitching. She tries hard to improve, and has become very helpful with house-work. Her behaviour is quite satisfactory now in every way.

G. (2277.) When admitted in October, 1901, at the age of fourteen, knew a few letters, copied writing but did not understand it, counted a little, and attempted to hem and knit.

Can now read from a second reading primer, write transcription and very easy words from dictation, add and subtract tens, tell most sensations of taste, smell and touch, tell a few hours on the clock, recognise most coins, answer well in object lessons, do good needlework, knit cuffs, drill and march well. She is also helpful in house-work.

H. (1887.) When admitted in September, 1896, at the age of fourteen, could read a reading primer, do simple addition sums, write from copy, hem, and attempt to knit.

Can now read well, write dictation, a letter, and composition, draw a little, work money sums and easy problems, answer very intelligently in all lessons, do needlework, and knit and darn stockings. She can also do book-stitching, and is a useful helper in various kinds of domestic work and in folding clothes in the laundry.

JUNIOR BOYS.

I. (2320) When admitted in August, 1902, at the age of six, knew letter O, counted to five, and tried to make strokes on a slate.

Can now read from a first reading primer, write very easy words from dictation, count well and add units, draw very nicely, do Kindergarten work neatly, tell most sensations of taste, smell, and touch, tell most hours on the clock, recognise some coins and weights, answer intelligently in object and other lessons, knit a little, sew buttons on, and drill fairly well. He is a useful messenger, and can make beds.

J. (2327) When admitted in August, 1902, at the age of eleven, knew a few letters, attempted to write a few letters, counted fairly. He was very troublesome, never quiet, and repeated things that were said.

Can now drill and march well, read easy words, write transcription, add numbers up to twenty, tell a few hours on the clock, recognise most coins, distinguish most sensations of taste, touch and smell, answer intelligently in object lessons, do Kindergarten work fairly, knit cuffs, sew buttons on. He can also take messages, and he attempts to make beds. He has much improved in behaviour.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS.

K. (2202.) When admitted in November, 1900, at the age of eleven, knew one or two letters, counted a little, wrote a few letters from copy, knew a few sensations of taste, smell and touch.

Can now read fairly, though very slowly, write well, do dictation, letter writing and composition, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, take an intelligent and active interest in object and other lessons, tell the time, recognise all coins and weights and calculate a little. He is an intelligent lad, and is very anxious to learn, but owing to his paralysed condition he cannot speak as quickly as he can think, and all his movements are slow, but he is steadier than he used to be.

L. (2336.) When admitted in September, 1902, at the age of twelve, knew some letters, wrote letters from a copy, counted to thirty, knew a few common tastes, and could point out a penny and half-penny. He was very talkative and interfering.

Can now read an easy reader, add and subtract hundreds, draw fairly, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, tell the hours and quarters on the clock, distinguish between the various coins and weights, answer well in object lessons, write well and do easy dictation. He works hard, and is not nearly so talkative and interfering.

M. (2318.) When admitted in September, 1902. at the age of twelve, could read an easy reading primer, write a few letters, but not on lines. add units, and tell a few sensations of taste, smell and touch.

Can now read well, write well, do dictation, add and subtract hundreds, do easy problems, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, name most coins and weights, and take an intelligent interest in object and other lessons. He has just begun to do very easy composition and write a letter.

N. (2330.) When admitted in September, 1902, at the age of eleven, could read a reading primer, write letters from copy, count, add units, name a few coins, and tell the hours and quarters on the clock.

Can now read well, write neatly, do dictation and composition and write a letter, do easy money sums and problems, tell the exact time, recognise all coins and weights, and calculate well, answer very intelligently in object and other lessons. He works very hard and is most anxious to improve.

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly School Reports.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Junior Boys.	4. Girls.	
	128	34	58	91	311
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	0	0	6	2	8
2. Make some attempt	2	5	2	0	9
3. Make a few articulate sounds	1	9	4	4	18
4. Speak indistinctly	16	8	17	15	56
5. Speak fairly	28	10	12	25	75
6. Speak well	81	2	17	45	145
					311
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	10	17	23	21	71
2. Know a few letters... ..	1	13	12	20	46
3. Know at sight a few words	14	0	6	6	26
4. Know all the letters	6	2	7	13	28
5. Read easy words and spell them	54	2	9	17	82
6. Read fairly*	43	0	1	14	58
					311
* 91 Patients read books alone for amusement.					
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	6	23	20	21	70
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	12	11	12	11	46
3. Do. do. in copy-book	8	0	4	8	20
4. Form letters in copy-book	13	0	11	6	30
5. Write easy words in copy-book	43	0	6	27	76
6. Write fairly*	46	0	5	18	69
					311
* 82 Patients write letters home with assistance and 48 without assistance.					
427 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	7	14	22	17	60
2. Count a little	9	15	13	23	60
3. Count up to 30	13	4	7	13	37
4. Understand value of unit figures	15	1	9	12	37
5. Work simple addition sums	42	0	7	16	65
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	42	0	0	10	52
					311
* 23 Patients work sums in the compound rules.					

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Junior Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON.	128	34	58	91	311
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	17	28	35	36	116
2. Know some of the hours	26	6	9	21	62
3. Know all the hours	8	0	7	18	33
4. Know the hours and quarters	27	0	6	11	44
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	22	0	1	2	25
6. Can tell the time to a minute	28	0	0	3	31
VI. SHOP LESSON.					311
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	11	16	32	30	89
2. Know a few coins	29	17	7	17	70
3. Do. do. and weights	45	1	13	18	77
4. Know all the coins and some weights	7	0	5	11	23
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	22	0	1	5	28
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...	14	0	0	10	24
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					311
1. Know no colours	11	15	24	19	69
2. Know black and white	3	8	2	0	13
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	27	8	9	13	57
4. Know all the simple colours	34	2	4	23	63
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	27	1	16	23	67
6. Know and can match most compound shades	26	0	3	13	42
VIII. MUSIC.					311
1. No interest in musical sounds	0	0	2	5	7
2. Attentive to do. do.	22	9	27	23	81
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	31	20	9	17	77
4. Do. do. with words	74	5	20	46	145
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	0	0	0	0	0
6. Play from do. do.	1	0	0	0	1
IX. DRILL.					311
1. Have no idea of drill	0	0	19	16	35
2. Stand at attention when told	31	33	3	3	70
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	19	1	12	22	54
4. Go through extension movements fairly	41	0	15	24	80
5. Do. do. do. well, and march	17	0	5	3	25
6. Do. do. do. to music	20	0	4	23	47
					311*

* 42 Senior Boys and 52 Junior Boys are instructed in Swedish drill, 20 for Military Drill and Free Gymnastics.

June 30th, 1904.

JAMES DIGGENS,
PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.						Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number employed.	
Grades of Work.						Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.		
I. TAILORING.											
1. Preliminary Work						1	0	0	0	1	9 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings						0	1	0	0	1	
3. Do. Seams						0	0	2	0	2	
4. Felling						0	0	2	1	3	
5. Making Garments						0	0	0	0	0	
6. Machining						0	0	1	1	2	
II. SHOEMAKING.											
1. Preliminary Work						1	0	1	0	2	8 Shoemakers.
2. Stitching Backs						0	0	0	0	0	
3. Closing Sides						0	0	1	1	2	
4. Patching and Nailing						0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing						0	1	0	0	1	
6. Bottoming (making)						1	1	1	0	3	
III. JOINERY.											
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools) ...						0	1	1	0	2	8 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench						0	0	0	0	0	
3. Making frames						0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c.						0	0	1	0	1	
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.) ...						0	0	1	0	1	
6. Making Furniture						0	0	2	2	4	
IV. GARDENING.											
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...						0	0	0	0	0	16 Gardeners.
2. Barrow filling and emptying						0	2	0	0	2	
3. Weeding amongst crops						0	3	0	0	3	
4. Picking peas, fruits, &c.						0	1	4	0	5	
5. Digging						0	1	1	0	2	
6. Potato-setting, &c. (can also dig)... ..						0	0	0	4	4	
V. OUT-DOOR WORK.											
Miscellaneous Work under Labour Master						2	2	5	0	* 9	

* Others employed during hay-time, &c.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
VI. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	...	0	1	0	0	1
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	...	0	1	4	0	5
3. Feeding stock	...	0	0	0	0	0
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe)	...	0	2	1	1	4
5. Work with Horses and Carts	...	0	0	1	0	1
6. Milking, &c	...	0	0	2	0	2
13 Farm Boys.						
VII. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	...	5	5	3	2	15
2. Plaiting Coir	...	0	0	0	0	0
3. Mat-making	...	1	2	2	2	7
4. Brush-filling	...	1	1	1	2	5
5. Palliasse and Mattress-making	...	0	0	0	0	0
6. Basket-making*	...	1	1	1	3	6
53 in Industrial Training Shop.						
*Also 21 patients make Baskets in School.						
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning	...	1	2	3	1	7
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work	...	2	4	6	4	16
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.	...	4	5	2	3	14
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy	...	0	6	0	6	12
5. Assisting Stoker	...	0	0	0	1	1
6. Assisting Baker	...	0	2	1	4	7
7. Employed in Office	...	0	0	0	0	0
57 miscellaneous employed.						

Total number of Senior Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... 153.

Sixteen Senior Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

16 Junior Boys are taught knitting, 17 do Kindergarten work, and 10 make beds.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
1. Sweeping, dusting, &c,		0	5	1	5	11 27 22 8 104
2. Bed-making		0	17	8	2	
3. Scrubbing and general house work ...		0	2	13	7	
4. Laundry-work		0	0	4	4	
5. *Sewing and knitting						
Storey Home for Girls—						
† Scrubbing and house-work		10	7	4	15	36

* In School 18 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 23 hem, 14 sew fairly, 21 sew well, 76 knit, 23 darn, and 7 work at basket-making.

† At the Storey Home all the Girls sew and knit, 6 use the sewing-machine, 10 wash, and 5 can bake.

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WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	238	25	Aprons	109	172
Trousers	358	74	Blouses	33	...
Vests	238	14	Chemises	172	1217
Loose Linings... ..	520	...	Collars ... ..	...	1407
Overcoats	3	9	Drawers... ..	196	2702
	1357	122	Dresses	35	3407
TAILORESSES.			Feeders	35	604
Coats	56	4148	Flannel Petticoats ...	132	1850
Overcoats ... ..	...	173	Flannel Vests	48	2039
Trousers	68	8956	Hoods	44	357
Vests	56	1977	Jackets ... ..	...	94
	180	15254	Nightdresses	62	5666
SHOEMAKERS.			Pinafores	279	5534
Boots (pairs)	614	2630	Shirts ... ..	...	2722
			Skirts	60	1184
UPHOLSTERER.			Stays ... ..	...	473
Bolsters	31	135		1205	29428
Mats	39	24	LINEN ROOM.		
Mattresses... ..	35	329	Bolster Slips... ..	129	2808
Palliassees ... ..	...	52	Blankets... ..	...	429
	105	540	Blinds	14	38
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Counterpanes	88	1344
Aprons ... ..	...	1670	Curtains... ..	...	163
Braces ... ..	...	122	Dinner Napkins ... ..	...	124
Caps ... ..	...	484	Mackintoshes	60	55
Collars ... ..	...	3950	Pillow Slips	89	1430
Drawers ... ..	...	5252	Sheets	295	3429
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	1881	Table Cloths... ..	21	673
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	653	Toilet Covers ... ..	...	113
Jerseys ... ..	...	44	Tea Cloths	115	197
Nightshirts ... ..	...	3259	Towels	374	596
Shirts ... ..	...	7539		1185	11399
Socks and Stockings ...	...	8417	PLUMBERS.		
	...	33271	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
GIRLS' SCHOOL.			CARPENTERS.		
Aprons	11	...	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
Chemises	22	...	PAINTER.		
Drawers	21	...	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Flannel Petticoats	6	...	LAUNDRY.		
Pinafores	58	...	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Skirts... ..	10	...	Sheets	57,147	
Bolster and Pillow Slips..	196	...	Pinafores	32,414	
	324	...	Nightshirts	27,294	
			Nightdresses	26,437	
			Other Articles	448,225	
				591,517	

JAMES DIGGENS, PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

TABLE

Showing Condition of Patients discharged during year.

						Males.	Females.	Total.	
"Relieved" {	Much improved	...	...	...	..	...	8	4	12
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	10
						34	10	44	

TABLE

Showing Ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Resident Medical Officer's Annual Report.

AGES From 30th June, 1903, To 30th June, 1904.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	24	16	40	0	0	0
10 ,, 15 ,,	...	118	68	186	1	2	3
15 ,, 20 ,,	...	129	82	211	4	1	5
20 and upwards	...	176	69	245	2	2	4
		447	235	682	7	5	12

A. R. DOUGLAS,
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.



- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Purey-Cust), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (the late Dean of Llandaff), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Armour, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (the late), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw (the late), Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Leyland Baldwin, St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, Preston.
- Rev. H. Barnacle (the late), Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- Rev. P. Bartlett (the late), Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. W. Mardon Beeby (the late), Burngreave Congregational Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellet, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack (the late), Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury (the late), St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. G. Shaw Briggs, Salem Congregational Church, Otley.
- Rev. W. Barlow Brown (Edgeworth, Bolton), Earlsheaton Wesleyan Church, Dewsbury.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell (the late), Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave (the late), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale,

- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Bath), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
 Rev. A. Christopherson (the late), (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. T. J. Clarke (the late), (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
 Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
 Rev. H. G. Croft, Chaplain of Sedgefield Asylum.
 Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, (Barrow-in-Furness), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
 Rev. John W. Cundey, Emmanuel Church, Bolton.
 Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, (Walkington, Beverley), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. G. Denyer, at St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish Green, Stockport; Rev. E. Oldfield, Rector.
 Rev. E. Dothie (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
 Rev. S. Earnshaw (the late), at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
 Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
 Rev. H. V. Elliott, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. Vickers English, at Warton Parish Church, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
 Rev. J. Fleming (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. Dr. Flood (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar.
 Rev. W. H. Fothergill, Providence Congregational Church, Middleton, Manchester.
 Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
 Rev. E. Greatorox (the late), Croxdale Church, Durham.
 Rev. E. Green (the late), All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
 Rev. F. W. Greenhow, East Keswick Church, Leeds.
 Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
 Rev. J. Hammersley, Allithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 The Rev. J. C. Hanson, at St. Leonard's Church, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk; Rev. E. G. Wadeson, Vicar.
 Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
 Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
 Rev. S. Hastings (the late), Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe; also at Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby, Vicar; and at the Parish Church, Lancaster, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. Canon Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
 Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
 Rev. T. C. Henley (the late), Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
 Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. Rowley Hill, (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Parish Church, Sheffield.
 Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
 Rev. J. N. Hoare (the late), St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.
 Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
 Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby (the late), St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
 Rev. Canon Hornby (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
 Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
 Rev. Canon Hoskins (the late), at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green (the late), Vicar.

- Rev. A. H. Hughes (the late), Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
 Rev. C. F. Husband, St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby Ireleth.
 Rev. T. H. Irving, St. Paul's Church, Lindale-in-Cartmel.
 Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster;
 Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. Rees Keene, St. Mary's Church, Gosforth.
 Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
 Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
 Rev. Wm. C. Kewish, (Wakefield), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe
 Bridge, Manchester.
 Rev. P. C. Kidd (the late), Parish Church, Skipton.
 Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 Rev. Peter Knowles, at Warton Parish Church and Priest Hutton Licensed
 Room, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
 Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh, Lancashire.
 Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
 The Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich, at the Parish Church,
 Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at
 Christ Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
 Rev. Charles H. Lowry, Kirkby Ireleth Church, Kirkby Ireleth.
 Rev. Canon Maclure, (now Dean of Manchester), Holy Trinity Church,
 Habergham Eaves, Burnley; also at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster,
 the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
 Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
 Rev. R. W. Marriott. (Newark), Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
 Rev. C. Marsden (the late), Gargrave Church, Gargrave.
 Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., Irlam Church, near Manchester.
 Rev. John Mathwin. West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
 Rev. G. G. Morton. Parish Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. W. Mote (Henham, Essex), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
 Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
 Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
 Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. L. Pain (the late), St. John's Church, Silverdale; also at Warton
 Church, Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
 Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder (the late), Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. E. Pryke (Ottery St. Mary), at the Parish Church, Lancaster, Rev.
 Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar; and at Warton Church and Priest Hutton
 Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain (the late), Vicar.
 Rev. Richard Ray (the late), Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., (now Lord Bishop of Perth, Western Australia), at
 St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. Twemlow Royds (the late), Heysham Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, (the late), Brancepeth Church, Durham.

- Rev. R. N. Sharpe (the late), St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby
 Lonsdale; the Rev. Canon Ware (now Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness), Vicar.
 Rev. Wm. Sleigh, St. John's Church, Silverdale.
 Rev. George W. Smith, St. Paul's Church, Waterhouses, Durham.
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
 Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. W. Smith, Shadwell Church, Leeds.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, (Patcham, Brighton), St. Thomas' Church, Leigh,
 Lancashire.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Pendleton, (Clitheroe), Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creaser, at St. John Baptist's Church,
 Tue Brook, Liverpool; Rev. John C. Reade (the late), Vicar.
 Rev. Edward H. Stewart, St. Bartholomew's Church, Croxdale.
 Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. the late, (Manchester), at High Street
 Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte (the late), Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White (the late), Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. W. Stuart White, Parish Church, Esh, Durham; also at All Saints',
 Eshwinning, and Ushaw Moor, Durham.
 Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, St. Paul's Church, Rawtenstall.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wilson (the late), Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
 Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester.
 Rev. A. Woods, at Allithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands; Rev. J. Hammersley,
 Vicar.
 Rev. John Wordsworth (Carlisle), Gosforth Church, Gosforth, Cumberland.
 Rev. T. H. Wright, (Lytham), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster,
 per Rev. J. F. Cowley.
 Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.



- A Friend, Lancaster, 5s., for Christmas Tree.
- Anonymous, Skipton, Christmas cards.
- Armstrong, J. N., Lancaster, 2. 6d., for Christmas Tree.
- Armstrong, P., Leeds, 3s. 9d., for Christmas Tree.
- Arnold, David, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
- Ashburner, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Knitted Woollen Cuffs and Dolls, for Christmas Tree.
- Atkinson, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Games and Toy Footballs for Christmas Tree.
- Bagnall and Co., Lancaster, 36, dozen Candles for Christmas Tree.
- Barnes, John, Preston, £1 1s., for Christmas Tree.
- Barrow, The Misses, Lancaster, a Child's Carriage and a Peep Show.
- Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, 125 Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Barrow, Mrs. W., Yewgarth, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Baxter, Mrs. R., Lancaster, Scrap Books, Balls and Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, 10s., for Christmas Tree ; also 8 Scrap Books.
- Berry, Harrop, Ossett, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Bingham, Misses, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, Picture Books and Pictures for Christmas Tree.
- Binns, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls, Woollen Socks, and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Blades, Mrs., Parkfield, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree ; £1 1s. additional for Staff Library ; also large quantity of *The Queen*, *The Ladies' Pictorial*, and other illustrated papers.
- Bold, Mrs., Irlams-o'-th'-Height, articles of Clothing and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Bond, Miss, Oakbank, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Bracken, Miss, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Woollen Scarves and Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Brash, J. and R., Lancaster, Dress Material, Blouses, Gloves, Trimming, &c.
- Brennan, Mrs., Manchester, Musical and other Toys, and Balls, for Christmas Tree.
- Brodrick, Rev. F. E., and Mrs. Brodrick, Southport, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Bull, Mrs., London, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Butler, Miss, E. Ambleside, Dolls, Balls, Articles of Clothing and Scrap Book, for Christmas Tree.
- Butler, Miss Margaret, Ulverston, Dolls, Woollen Balls, and Mounted Pictures for Christmas Tree.
- Chaine, Miss M., Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Clark, Miss, Queen-street, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Clark, Mrs. E. G., Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Cockerill, Mrs. Lancaster, magazines.
- Codd, Mrs., Brighton, £1 for Christmas Tree.

- Cousins, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, large Santa Claus Stocking of Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Craven, Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Croft and Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Cross, Thomas and Sons, Lancaster, large Santa Claus Stocking of Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Crossley, Mrs. D. J. (the late), Hebden Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3,944 Bulbs of various kinds.
- Diggens, James, R.A.A., Lancaster, 10s. 6d.; In memoriam the late Mrs. Diggens, 10s. 6d. (Staff Library).
- Douglas, Mrs., R.A.A., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Eaton and Bulfield, Lancaster, 1 Ream Assorted Fancy Paper for printing.
- Elliot, Wm., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Ewan, Misses, Lancaster, Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.
- Fawcett, Mrs., Lancaster, Illustrated Magazines.
- Farrar, Mr. and Mrs., Caton, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Featherstone, Rev. P., and Mrs. Featherstone, Burslem, Dolls, Toys, and Paper Decorations for Christmas Tree.
- Finch, Rev. T. R., Penwortham Hall, Preston, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Fisher, R., Lancaster, Toys and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Foster, Colonel, and Mrs. Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, large case of Games for Christmas Tree.
- Fulton, I. M., Birkenhead, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Gill, T., and Mrs. Gill, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Girls' Friendly Society Candidates, per Miss Ashburner, Kirkby-in-Furness, Scrap Books and Balls for Christmas Tree.
- Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, a Case of Oranges, Boxes of Figs, and Muscatel Raisins for Christmas Tree.
- Groves, W. G., Windermere, £1 ls. for Christmas Tree.
- Heald, The Misses, Lancaster, Balls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Helme, Norval W., M.P., and Mrs. Helme, Springfield Hall, Lancaster, case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Hetherington, George, Scotforth, knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
- Heywood, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Crackers and Books for Scraps for Christmas Tree.
- Hibbert, The Right Hon. Sir John T., and Lady Hibbert, Grange-over-Sands, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Hill, Albert, Halifax, Transparent Slates, Building Blocks, Balls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Hind, Rev. J., Hendon, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Holmes, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Hoyle, I., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Hoyle, The Misses, Lancaster, Crackers and Fancy Boxes of Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
- Huddersfield Ladies' Association, per Mrs. Wrigley, Meltham, Knitted Woollen Articles, Toys, Games, Blotting-books. Pocket-books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Huntington, Mrs. W., Ashford House, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, Balls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchence, John, Catterall Hall, Garstang, barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.

- Hutchence, Walter, & Co., Lancaster, case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Irvin, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Councillor George, Lancaster, 2 cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Mrs., Ashton-under-Lyne, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Mrs. (the late), Malvern, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Jones, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, Flannel Jackets and Scrap-books for Christmas Tree.
- Kathleen, Jack and Josephine, a case of Oranges and four boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Keir, Mrs., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Kelsall, George, Manchester, Picture Books and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Killey, G. D., Waterloo, Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Kirkbride, A. D., Lancaster, Picture Books.
- Lancaster and Skerton Equitable Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, Case of Oranges, Bag of Nuts, and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Lawrence, Sir Edward, Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Lawson and Sons, Lancaster, Toys, Mechanical Tableau, and Moving Figures.
- Leach, F. W., and Mrs. Leach, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lownds, Mrs. S., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lumb, S., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Macdonald, Mrs. A., Fern Bank, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Macdonald, Master Ronald, Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Marsden, Mrs., Lancaster, Magazines, &c.
- Maudsley, Mrs., Lancaster, Picture Books, Work Baskets, &c.
- McRaith, Mrs. A., Lancaster, Costumes for Entertainments.
- McWhinnie, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Millington, Mr. G., Lancaster, Picture-books, Work-baskets, Purses, Stationery, Fancy Boxes, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Milner, E. & J. L., Lancaster, Books and Boxes of Stationery. &c., for Christmas Tree ; also Tools for Book-binding.
- Monkhouse, Alderman John (the Mayor), Kendal, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Morris and Bolton, London, Black and Coloured Printing Inks.
- Norton, Mrs., Stourton, Leeds, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Paley, Miss E. F., Caton, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Parsons, G., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pearson, C. S., Whitley Bay, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Illustrated Papers, Christmas Cards, and Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Pilkington, Mrs. J. R. B., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Cuffs, Scarves, Toys, and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Powell, Mrs. John, Crewe, Articles of Clothing, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Powell, W. K., Preston, 151 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
- Price and Wills, Heysham Harbour Works, 20 tons of Firewood.
- Procter, Mrs., Barrowford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Procter, Wm., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, J., Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.

- Religious Tract Society, per Rev. H. W. Smith, Lancaster, Parcel of Books for Christmas Tree.
- Rhodes, J., Lancaster, Satchells, Writing Case, Sewing-case, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Rhodes, Miss, Huddersfield, Toys and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Richards, Mrs., Middleton, Manchester. 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Richardson, Miss E., Lancaster, Dolls, Balls, and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Robinson, H. W., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Robson, W., Harrogate, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Rodger, J. W., Cardiff, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Roper, W. O., Yealand Conyers, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, W. H., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Seward, The Misses, Lancaster, Scrap-book.
- Shand, W., and Sons, Lancaster, Mistletoe and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Lancaster, Necklets and Kindergarten Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Sherson, The Misses, Windermere, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Shuttleworth, Mrs., Richmond, Surrey, Dolls and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, The Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Illustrated Papers and 12 named Packets of Presents for Patients.
- Smith, T. D., and Son, Lancaster, 2 Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Standing, Mrs., and Miss Standing, Lancaster, Scrap-books, Dolls, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Stephenson, Mrs. W. K., Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Herbert L., Lancaster, £2 2s. for Christmas Tree ; also £1 1s. for Staff Library.
- Storey, Mrs. Edward, Crosslands, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Sumner, Mrs. Tarbock, Prescott, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Mrs. E. M., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Mrs. A., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Tatham, Mr. and Mrs. R., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Miss and Mrs. Gregson, Lancaster, Ties, Books, Chocolate, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Dr. C., Stockport, a dozen Bottles of Scent, Bons-bons, and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mrs. John, Moston, Manchester, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mr. Matthias, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mrs. M., Manchester, 5s. for those patients who cannot go for a holiday.
- Tennant, Mrs., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Scarves, Shoes and Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Till, T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Todd, Mrs. and The Misses, Regent Street, Lancaster, 12 Collarettes and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Tomlinson, C. R., Lancaster, nine Musical Toys (Harmonicas) for Christmas Tree.
- Vere, Mrs., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Warwick, J. T., Carlisle, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Walker, J. and T., Lancaster, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.

- Welch, Master Robin, Master Edward, and Miss Freda Welch, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, W. G., Hampson, Ellet, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, The Misses, Springville, Lancaster, 34 named Packets of Presents for Patients.
- Whitley, John, West House, Halifax, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Wilcock, Mrs., Lancaster, Picture-books.
- Wilson, Mrs., Warton, Magazines.
- Willis, Herbert, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Wigley, J. M., Market Street, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree ; also 1 Cabinet containing Twelve Cases of Type for Printing and Ornamental Calendars.
- Wingate-Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Wolstenholme, Mrs. J. T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Worthington, Mrs., Lancaster, Woollen Scarves, Cuffs, and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Woods, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wright, Miss L., Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, Miss, Windermere, a Case of Games, Toys, Dolls, Picture-books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, Miss S. S., Windermere, 2 Sets of Croquet.
- "X.Y.Z.," Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.

CENSUS OF IMBECILE OR FEEBLE-MINDED PERSONS.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1901:—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
24,480.	24,402.	48,882.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District:—

Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.					
		Under 20 years of age.			Of all ages.		
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons
LANCASHIRE	4,387,043	1007	695	1702	3385	2952	6337
YORKSHIRE	3,590,752	523	428	951	2109	2013	4122
DURHAM	1,187,474	183	112	295	624	542	1166
CHESHIRE... ..	827,191	125	105	230	552	587	1139
NORTHUMBERLAND	603,119	90	50	140	386	316	702
CUMBERLAND	266,933	29	32	61	169	166	335
WESTMORLAND	64,409	6	5	11	50	47	97
Seven Northern Counties...	10,926,921	1963	1427	3390	7275	6623	13898

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. There is a natural reluctance on the part of parents to call their children "Imbecile," and many even hesitate to designate them as "Feeble-minded." The Census Commissioners in their Report of the Census of 1881 (no separate returns for this class were required in the Census of 1891) stated: "In the earliest periods of life this imperfection in the returns is unavoidable. It cannot be expected, for instance, that a mother will return her child, as yet only two or three years old, as an idiot, however much in her own heart she may believe or fear this to be the case; for to acknowledge it as such would be to abandon all hope. But when the child has reached such an age that no doubt as to its mental incapacity can any longer be entertained, concealment of the fact by omitting all mention of it in the schedule is no longer equally excusable, and yet it is certain that such omission is excessively common." The Commissioners said further, in this Report, "the total number of idiots and imbeciles at all ages may be estimated at 41,940, instead of 32,717, as enumerated, and this estimated total is doubtlessly still too low."

The following is the Ratio of returned Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1901):—

Name.	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.	One Imbecile or Feeble-minded Person in every
ENGLAND AND WALES	32,527,843	48,882	665
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	10,926,921	13,898	786
LANCASHIRE	4,387,043	6,337	692
YORKSHIRE	3,590,752	4,122	871
DURHAM... ..	1,187,474	1,166	1018
CHESHIRE	827,191	1,139	726
NORTHUMBERLAND	603,119	702	859
CUMBERLAND	266,933	335	796
WESTMORLAND	64,409	97	664

NOTE.—The Counties are the Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Ashton-under-Lyne...	3	Leyland, Preston ...	1
Astley Bridge, Bolton ...	1	Lytham ...	2
Barrow-in-Furness ...	3	Maghull, Liverpool...	1
Bedford-Leigh ...	4	Manchester and Salford...	89
Blackburn ...	9	Middleton, Manchester ...	1
Blackpool ...	1	Milnrow, Rochdale...	1
Bolton...	20	Oldham ...	19
Broughton, Preston ...	1	Ormskirk ...	3
Burnley ...	3	Prescot, Liverpool ...	2
Bury ...	4	Preston ...	13
Carnforth, Lancaster ...	1	Radcliffe ...	2
Chorley ...	1	Ribchester, Preston ...	1
Clitheroe ...	1	Rochdale ...	6
Farnworth, Bolton ...	1	St. Anne's-on-Sea ...	1
Garstang ...	1	Seaforth, Liverpool ...	1
Garston, Liverpool ...	1	Southport ...	2
Grange-over-Sands ...	1	Tyldesley ...	1
Great Crosby, Liverpool ...	1	Warrington ...	1
Heaton Moor ...	1	Werneth, Oldham ...	1
Inskip, Preston ...	1	Widnes ...	1
Kellet, Lancaster ...	1	Wigan...	1
Kirkby-in-Furness ...	1		
Lancaster ...	11		
Liverpool ...	51		
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CHESHIRE.

Alsager ...	1	Manley ...	1
Birkenhead ...	9	New Brighton ...	1
Cheadle ...	1	Northwick ...	2
Chester ...	9	Poulton ...	1
Crewe ...	5	Sandbach ...	1
Disley ...	1	Stalybridge ...	2
Hoylake ...	1	Stockport ...	12
Knutsford ...	2	Winsford ...	1
Lymm...	1		
Macclesfield ...	6		
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YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Apperley Bridge, Leeds...	1	Mirfield	1
Balby, Doncaster	1	Morley, Leeds	1
Barnsley	5	Mytholmroyd	1
Bentham	1	Northallerton	2
Bingley, Bradford	4	North Bierley, Bradford	1
Boroughbridge	1	Ossett	1
Boston Spa	1	Otley	2
Bradford	14	Ovenden, Halifax	1
Bridlington	1	Pontefract	1
Brighouse, Halifax	2	Queensbury, Bradford	1
Burton in-Lonsdale... ..	1	Rastrick, Halifax	3
Cleckheaton	1	Redcar	1
Conisborough	1	Richmond	1
Denholme, Bradford	1	Ripley	1
Dewsbury	1	Ripon	2
Doncaster	5	Rishworth, Halifax... ..	1
Elland, Halifax... ..	1	Rotherham	3
Goole	1	Selby	2
Guisborough	1	Sheffield	15
Halifax	11	Shipley, Bradford	1
Harrogate	1	Siddal, Halifax	1
Hebden Bridge... ..	1	Skipton	4
Horbury, Wakefield	1	Slaidburn	1
Horsforth, Leeds	1	Stocksbridge, Sheffield	1
Huddersfield	7	Stourton, Leeds	1
Hull	10	Thornbury, Bradford	1
Keighley	6	Wakefield	4
Kippax, Leeds	2	Whitley Bridge	1
Knowlmere	1	York	6
Leeds	32		
Marske-by-the-Sea	1		
Middlesbrough	2		
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DURHAM.

Bishop Auckland	4	New Shildon	1
Catchgate	1	Ravensworth	1
Consett	1	Ryhope	1
Coxhoe	2	St. John's Chapel	1
Darlington... ..	5	Seaham Harbour	1
Durham	3	South Shields	7
Easington	2	Spennymoor	1
Fence Houses	1	Stockton	3
Gainford	1	Sunderland	4
Gateshead	8	West Hartlepool	1
Hartlepool... ..	1		
Lanchester	2		54
Langley Moor	1		
Middleton-in-Teasdale	1		

CUMBERLAND.

Bootle	4	Lamplugh	1
Carlisle	8	Penrith	1
Cockermouth	5	Whitehaven	1
Crosby-on-Eden	1	Wigton	3
Egremont	1	Workington	1
Gosforth	2		
Houghton	1		31
Keswick	2		

WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	1	Lowther Village	1
Appleby	1	Milburn	1
Bowness	1	Troutbeck	1
Kendal	5		
Kirkby Lonsdale	2		<u>13</u>

NORTHUMBERLAND.

	No.		No
Alnwick	2	North Shields	1
Felton... ..	1	Whitley Bay	2
Morpeth	1		<u>12</u>
Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	5		

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	273
YORKSHIRE	182
CHESHIRE... ..	57
DURHAM	54
CUMBERLAND... ..	31
WESTMORLAND	13
NORTHUMBERLAND	12
	<u>622</u>
OTHER COUNTIES	4
TOTAL... ..	<u>626</u>

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The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops,

*Opened by Herbert L. Storey, Esq., J.P., D.L., High Sheriff
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The original Workshops of the Royal Albert Asylum have, in the course of years, become surrounded by other buildings, and have been rendered dark and unsuitable for the training of the patients. With the great increase in the number of patients capable of industrial training, they have also proved to be inadequate. The Lunacy Commissioners have repeatedly complained of the Workshops being ill-arranged, over-crowded, dark, and badly ventilated.

Mr. Herbert L. Storey, having heard of these complaints, wrote to the Chairman of the Central Committee (the Right Hon. Sir J. T. Hibbert, K.C.B.) offering the sum of £5,000 for the erection of new Workshops, as a permanent memorial at the Royal Albert Asylum of the Coronation of King Edward VII., the late Sir Thomas Storey, his father, having erected in the Asylum grounds the "Storey Home for Forty Feeble-minded Girls," on the occasion of the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The Central Committee gratefully accepted Mr. Storey's offer, and decided that the new building should be called "The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops." Contracts amounting to £6,845 17s. 6d., exclusive of the electric-lighting, were entered into, and Mr. Storey has already generously contributed 5,000 guineas.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

The new Block is situate on the east side of the Ashton Wing; it is three storeys high, and has a frontage of 63 feet and a depth of 62 feet, with projecting Sanitary Wings on either side.

The Principal or Ground Floor, is approached by a sloping way, and consists of an Entrance Hall, 18 feet 6 inches by 14 feet 3 inches, with stone staircase on either side, giving access up to the First Floor and down to the Basement.

On the Ground Floor are the following rooms :

Shoe-makers' Shop.

Cabinet-makers' Shop.

Basket-makers' Shop.

Wood-carvers' Shop.

The First Floor consists of :

Two Tailors' Shops.

Printers and Bookbinders' Shop.

Brush and Mat-makers' Shop.

The Basement or Lower Ground Floor is approached by a declined way, and consists of the following rooms :

Upholsterers and Sash-cord

Play-room.

Makers' Shop.

Clerk of Works' Office.

All these Work-rooms are 30 feet by 20 feet. The Play-room is 60 feet by 20 feet.

The walls are built with local stone, and the roofs are covered with Westmorland green slates.

The floors throughout are fire proof, being constructed of breeze concrete, covered with maple-wood blocks.

The walls of Halls and Staircases have Florite opal tile dados; the shops have stained Canary-wood dados, 4 feet 6 inches high.

The whole of the building is heated by hot-water pipes and ventilating radiators, supplied from a Brightside Calorifier in heating chamber. Fresh air is admitted behind the radiators by means of cold-air inlet gratings, and foul air is extracted from the various rooms by means of galvanised-iron trunk pipes, connected to flues in the walls and extract roof-ventilator in the tower over the main entrance. The extraction is effected by a 36 inch electric fan. The heating and ventilation are by Messrs. Killick and Cochran, of Liverpool.

The works have been carried out from the plans and under the supervision of Messrs. Woolfall and Eccles, Architects, Liverpool, by Mr. Robert Thompson, Contractor, Dalton Square, Lancaster.

Mr. Leach, the resident Clerk of Works, has officially superintended the construction.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE STAFF TO WHOM MEDALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED.

Presented at the Quinquennial Festival, September 23rd, 1903, by the
Countess of Bective.

GOLD MEDALS.

James Diggins, Principal and Secretary...	...	Commenced Service	1865.
George Parsons, Master Shoemaker	...	"	1871.
James Hodgson, Joiner	...	"	1872.
James Nickson, Deputy Chief Attendant	...	"	1874.
Thomas Cumpsty, Head Plumber	...	"	1876.
Mrs. Henrietta E. Smith, Storey Home Matron	...	"	1878.
Henry Smith, Laundryman	...	"	1880.
Edward B. Shaw, Accountant and Clerk	...	"	1880.
Andrew Yule, Attendant	...	"	1880.
Elizabeth Atkinson, Nurse...	...	"	1881.
Joseph Holland, Baker...	...	"	1881.
Mrs. Ann Holland, Cook	...	"	1881.
Jane Irwin, Nurse...	...	"	1882.
Eleanor Huntington, Nurse	...	"	1883.
Frederick Varey, Head Gardener	...	"	1883.
Edmund M. Sutcliffe, Clerk	...	"	1883.
Albert Macdonald, Steward and Storekeeper	...	"	1883.
Mrs. Jane Doherty, Nurse	...	"	1884.
Benjamin Vere, Teacher and Bandmaster	...	"	1885.

SILVER MEDALS.

Robert Craig, Master Tailor	...	"	1888.
Elizabeth Metcalfe, Charge Nurse	...	"	1888.
Charles McGowan, Attendant	...	"	1889.
James McWhinnie, Attendant	...	"	1889.
Mary Jane Metcalf, Nurse	...	"	1889.
Benjamin Owen, Clerk	...	"	1891.
Jessie McVicar, Brunton House Cook	...	"	1891.

BRONZE MEDALS.

Dr. Archibald R. Douglas, Resident Medical Officer...	...	"	1893.
Elizabeth J. Burton, Teacher	...	"	1894.
Harriet Hill, Nurse-Teacher	...	"	1894.
Mary Lamb, Brunton House Housemaid	...	"	1894.
William Bond, Chief Attendant	...	"	1895.
Mrs. Emily E. Pugh, Teacher	...	"	1895.
Robert Simpson, Attendant	...	"	1895.
Winifred H. Bolton, Teacher	...	"	1896.
Edward Edmondson, Farm Attendant	...	"	1896.
Benjamin W. Price, Attendant...	...	"	1896.

Presented on the occasion of the Opening of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools
and Workshops, June 24th, 1904, by Lady Hibbert.

GOLD MEDALS.

Alfred Thomas Gallaway, Teacher, Printer, &c.	...	Commenced Service	1887.
Dora Studdert, Brunton House Matron	...	"	1887.
Elizabeth Hayton, Nurse	...	"	1887.
Arthur Ernest Sutcliffe, Assistant Storekeeper	...	"	1887.

SILVER MEDAL.

Clara Naylor, Nurse	...	"	1892.
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BRONZE MEDALS.

Joseph Smith, Plumber-Attendant	...	"	1897.
Nelly Burdett, Schoolmistress	...	"	1897.
Dr. Wm. Hy. Coupland, Assistant Medical Officer	...	"	1897.

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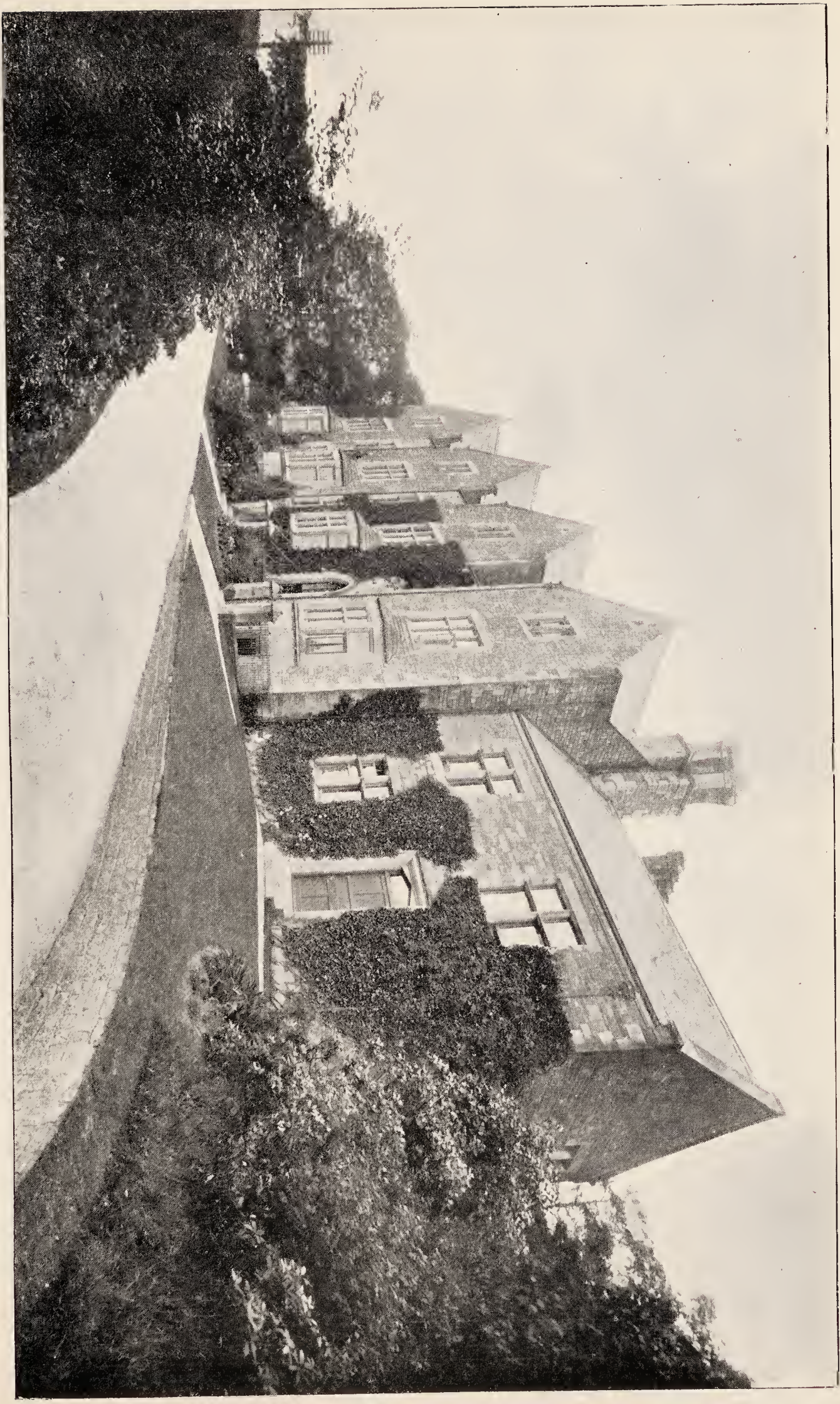
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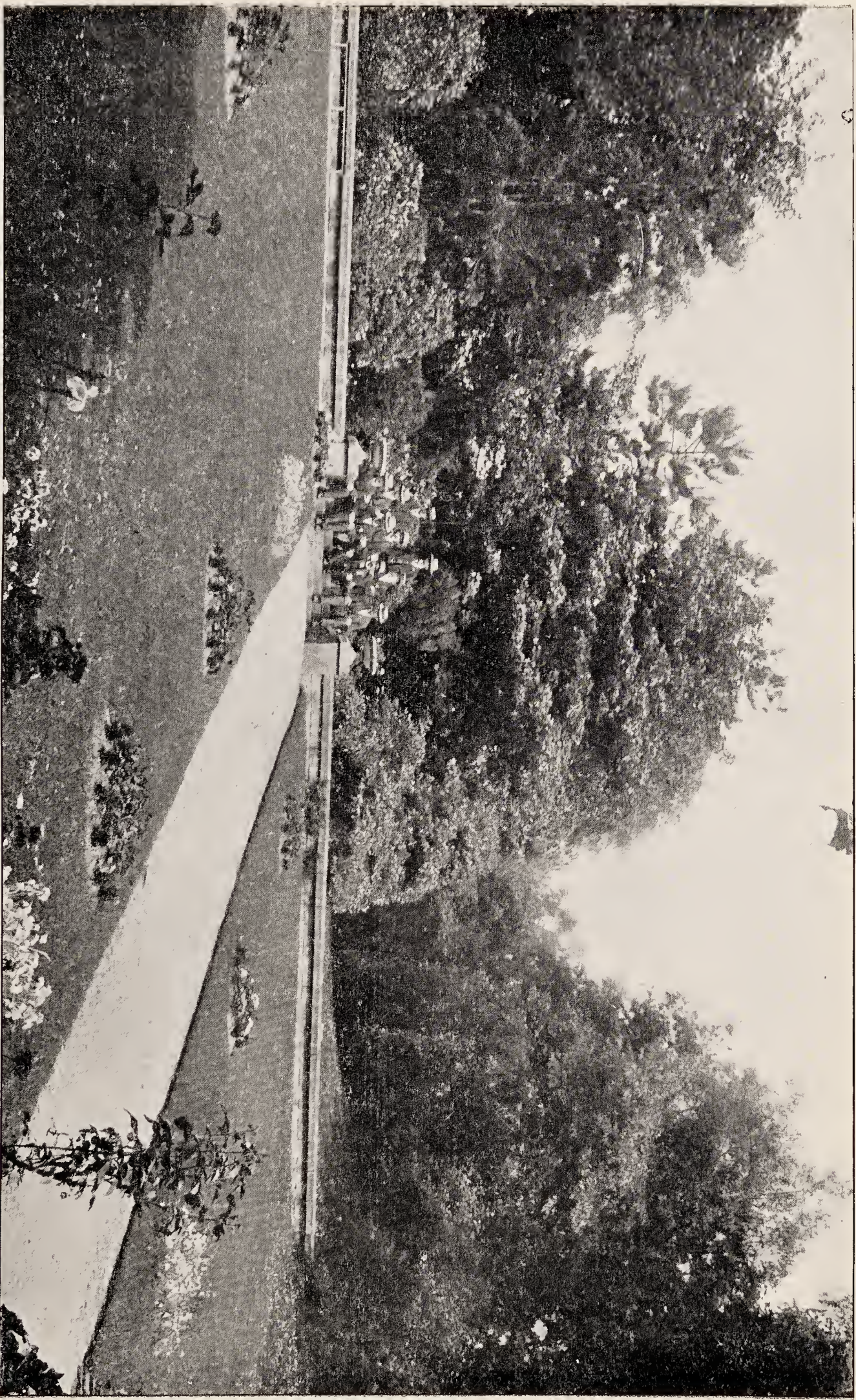
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